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I. ORGANIZATION.

PRESIDENT—Bishop Jesse T. Peck, D. D.
SECRETARY—E. O. Thayer.
ASSISTANTS—Eli Walker and C. G. Deming.
STATISTICAL SECRETARY—E. J. Bird.

COMMITTEES.

1. *Public Worship*—J. E. Champlain, E. O. Thayer, M. Alston.
2. *Missions*—The Presiding Elders.
3. *Education*—E. O. Thayer, E. J. Bird, M. G. Croom.
4. *Temperance*—D. Cornell, J. Payne, A. Moore.
5. *Sunday Schools & Tracts*—E. Walker, E. Morten, J. E. Champlain.
6. *Bible Cause*—L. B. Gibson, D. Brooks, J. Payne.
7. *Post Offices*—T. M. Joiner.
8. *State of the Church*—W. G. Matton, W. Rawlings, W. W. Morgan.
9. *Auditors*—E. O. Thayer, M. G. Croom, A. Moore.
10. *Publication of Minutes*—The Secretary.
11. *Freedmens' Aid Society*—M. Alston, W. W. Morgan, G. W. Price.
12. *Conference Steward*—W. Rawlings, T. M. Joiner, J. M. Barker.
13. *Memoirs*—M. Alston, W. G. Matton.
14. *Conference Relations*—J. Welborn, E. Walker, L. B. Gibson, J. E. Champlain.
15. *Publishing Interests*—W. G. Matton, G. W. Price, W. Gibson.

II. COMMITTEES FOR 1879.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES:

PRELIMINARY COURSE—Presiding Elder and Pastor.
FIRST YEAR—L. B. Gibson, I. Wells, E. Walker.
SECOND YEAR—E. Morten, D. Brooks, A. Moore.
THIRD YEAR—J. E. Champlain, W. C. Gibson, R. O. Spaulding.
FOURTH YEAR—E. O. Thayer, D. Cornell, W. Walker.
TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON—E. O. Thayer. *Alternate*—Isaac Wells.
COURT OF APPEALS—J. E. Champlain, E. O. Thayer, L. B. Gibson, I. Wells, A. Moore, E. Walker, E. Morten.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President—W. W. Morgan.
Vice-President—E. Walker.
Secretary—E. O. Thayer.
Treasurer—M. Alston.

MANAGERS:

Ministers—J. Payne, C. W. Blaylock, C. Grandison, H. M. Murphy, James Jones.
Laymen—H. Unthank, J. Dean, H. Booker, George Gray, M. M. Alston.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

PRELIMINARY COURSE—Presiding Elder and Pastor.
FIRST YEAR—J. Barker, J. Bradshaw, W. Bagby.
SECOND YEAR—J. M. Welborn, T. W. Matney.
THIRD YEAR—W. G. Matton, W. Rawlings, J. Welborn.
FOURTH YEAR—E. J. Bird, C. G. Deming.
TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON—W. Rawlings.
COURT OF APPEALS—J. Barker, J. Welborn, W. Rawlings, C. G. Deming, T. Hampton, T. W. Matney, E. J. Bird.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President—W. G. Matton.
Vice-President—W. Rawlings.
Secretary—C. G. Deming.
Treasurer—J. Bradshaw.

MANAGERS:

Ministers—J. Welborn, J. Barker, T. Hampton, W. Bagby, H. Verner.
Laymen—C. N. Alexander, A. J. Benson, Isaac Morris, H. Swain, J. Whicker.

III. DAILY JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—Thursday, January 30th.

The eleventh session of the North Carolina Conference was opened on Thursday, January 30th 1879, at Greensboro, Bishop Jesse T. Peck, D. D. LL. D., presiding.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 9:30 A. M., and read a selection of Scripture. The hymn, "And are we yet alive," was sung, and Rev. Dr. Fuller, of Atlanta, led in Prayer.

Sacrament was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders. After the close of this service, the regular business was taken up.

E. O. Thayer was elected Secretary, and Eli Walker Assistant Secretary. E. J. Bird was elected Statistical Secretary.

Rev. Drs. M. L. Wood and Bruton, of the M. E. Church, South; and Rev. Mr. Bowler, of the Baptist Church, were introduced to the Conference. The hour of meeting was fixed at 9:30, A. M. Conference bar fixed to include the first five rows of seats.

The report of the Book Concern was referred to a committee.

Accounts of the New York Book Concern referred to A. B. Jones for collection.

Draft on Chartered Fund for $30 ordered.

The Standing Committees were then appointed. (See pages 4–5.)

Tenth Question—W. G. Matton's character passed, and he reported his District. Character of W. Rawlings, J. Barker, J. Welborn, T. M. Joiner and T. M. Matney also passed.

W. W. Morgan reported Western District, and his character passed; also his Elders, I. Wells, W. Gray, J. W. Caldicutt, W. Walker, and C. W. Blaylock.

Charges were presented against Benj. Morgan, and his case was referred to a committee for trial.

The case of W. N. Smith was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for investigation.

M. Alston's character passed; also the characters of J. E. Champlain, D. Brooks, R. Alexander, D. Cornell, M. G. Croom and R. Waters.

E. J. Bird's character passed; also J. C. Mills', Missionary to Italy.

Drs. Fuller and Ford were introduced. Dr. Fuller spoke in the

interests of the Methodist Advocate, and Dr. Foard on the Sunday School cause.

Dr. Wilson, of the Church South; Bro. Powell, of the Baptist Church; Bro. Hunter, of the A. M. E. Church, and Bro. Brown, of the African Church of America, were introduced.

Drs. Wilson and Wood addressed the Conference. Paper on W. S. Gladston referred to committee on Conference Relations.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. M. L. Wood, D. D.

SECOND DAY—Friday, January 31st.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder G. W. Price.

Third Question—Robert Smith was continued on trial in First Year's class. German Luder and Elijie Lopez continued on trial.

Sixth Question—James Payne continued in class of Deacons of First Year.

Eighth Question—N. S. Farror continued in Supernumerary relation.

Third Question re-opened. James Bradshaw advanced to Second class of Deacons. H. M. Gibbs discontinued at his own request.

W. N. Smith was appointed to serve on Committee of Examination for Local Orders.

Dr. Ford was requested by the Bishop to examine candidates for Local Elder's Orders.

W. Rawlings added to Committee of Conference Relations.

L. B. Gibson was substituted for M. Alston on Bible Cause Committee.

The Bishop then examined the candidates for Admission into Full Connection.

E. O. Thayer was admitted into full connection, and elected to Elder's Orders; also Eli Walker and R. O. Spaulding. J. N. Kounce was admitted. Wesley N. Bagby admitted and elected to Deacon's Orders. Andrew Connor also admitted.

The following Court of Trial was appointed:—L. B. Gibson, D. Brooks, W. C. Gibson, D. Cornell, I. Wells, M. G. Croom, Eli Walker, T. M. Joiner, C. W. Blaylock. The Bishop appointed W. Rawlings to preside, and C. G. Deming was elected Secretary.

The Presiding Elders were appointed to make assessment of Church Extension collections.

A communicaiion from the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union was read, and the Secretary authorized to send to the Parent Board

a lady's name as corresponding Secretary for this Conference. Dr. Ford spoke on the same subject.

Rev. F. G. Cartland, Fraternal Messenger from the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, was introduced and presented his message to the Conference. Bishop Peck replied. W. G. Matton referred to his relations with the Friends in prosecuting his work in this State.

A resolution of fraternity (see Resolutions) was adopted and W. G. Matton elected delegate to the next Yearly Meeting.

A resolution on separation (see Resolutions) of the Conference was introduced by W. G. Matton, and laid on the table for action to-morrow (Saturday) at 10:30 A. M. Bishop Peck then addressed the Conference on the subject. Adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Saturday, February 1.

Opened with prayer by Isaac Wells. Bro. A. C. Dutton, of the South Carolina Conference introduced.

Second Question—Hardy Verner, M. C. Smith, T. P. Hampton, C. N. Grandison, Harry M. Murphy, John Daniel, David Blanks and W. H. Payne were admitted on trial. Charles Thomas was not admitted, but the Presiding Elder was given leave to employ him.

Seventh Question.—Aaron Moore's character was passed, and S. M. Haynes and Abner Hill were elected to Elders Orders.

Twenty-First Question.—Hardy Verner, Charley Harshaw, James Gorden, Henry U. Lenoir, David Blanks and James P. Jones were elected to Local Deacon's Orders.

The order of this day, the Resolution on Separation was then taken up. Bishop Peck opened with clear, forcible remarks giving the principles on which separation might be made. E. Moten, W. C. Gibson, T. M. Joiner, W. W. Morgan and M. Alston spoke in opposition to the resolution. M. G. Croom, G. W. Price, W. Walker, Dr. E. Q. Fuller, W. G. Matton and Dr. Ford, spoke in its favor.

At one o'clock—the time for adjournment—it was voted to extend the time. At the close of the discussion the vote was taken with the following result: White brethren, 6 for—16 against, and the motion was declared not carried.

First Question.—C. G. Deming was announced as transferred from Holston Conference.

C. C. Stoltz, an elder in the Methodist Church, presented his credentials and a recommendation from his Quarterly Conference. Referred back to Quarterly Conference.

Report of Court of Trial with reference to Benj. Morgan received and ordered on file.

Committee on Conference Relations reported no ground for charge against W. H. Smith, and his character passed.

Same Committee recommended location of F. S. Gladston. The Presiding Elder presented a charge of inefficiency and the case was referred to a committee of nine, viz: J. Welborn, W. C. Gibson, D. Cornell, W. Bagby, M. G. Croom, I. Wells, E. Morten, L. B. Gibson, C. W. Blaylock; Chairman. T. M. Joiner.

Rev. Mr. Betts, of the M, E. Church South, was introduced, and pronounced the benediction. Adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—Monday, February 3rd.

MORNING SESSION.

Religious services conducted by Abner Hill.

Certificates of Ordination presented by the Bishop, and read by the Secretary.

Report on Temperance read by D. Cornell. Remarks on the use of Tobacco made by M. Alston and D. Cornell. Bishop Peck exhorted preachers to bring to trial and expel any member, however rich or influential, who has anything to do with the use, sale or manufacture of liquor. Report adopted.

Voted to re-consider Resolution on Separation. Laid on the table and another of the same tenor introduced by C. G. Deming. Carried by the following vote: Whites, aye 7; nay 1; colored, aye 16; nay 0.

The Bishop announced the Conference divided. A resolution was introduced on the subject by W. W. Morgan and carried. (See Resolutions.)

G. W. Price was located at his own request.

Report of Sunday School and Tract Society presented by Eli Walker and adopted after remarks by Dr. Ford. The Bishop announced that for the present the new Conference shall include the Greensboro District and the Eastern District, and be called the Southern Central.

Committee on Trial reported in case of W. S. Gladston that the charges were sustained, and location recommended. He was located.

It was also reported by the same committee, that all the charges against Benj. Morgan were not sustained. Charge of imprudent conduct sustained, and penalty of suspension for one year imposed.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause presented by L. B. Gibson, and adopted.

Second Question—Charles H. Brown, an Elder in Colored M. E. Church in America, was admitted into full connection.

Report of Freedmen's Aid Society presented by W. W. Morgan, and adopted, after remarks by various brethren on Bennett Seminary.

Report on Education presented by E. O. Thayer, and adopted after remarks by Bishop Peck with reference to the character and benevolence of Lyman Bennett, and also on the general subject of Education. Ordered to give two-thirds of the Education Collection to Bennett Seminary, and one-third to North Carolina Seminary.

Statistical Report read by E. J. Bird, and approved. Thos. Sharpe was re-admitted, and granted supernumerary relation.

Committee on Conference Relations reported in case of R. Waters, recommending that the charge on Church records at Wilmington be erased. Ordered, and his character passed.

Same Committee reported in case of John Wellman, a layman, that as he had been declared expelled without proper trial, he be restored to membership, and if necessary, charges be preferred, and a proper trial granted. Ordered.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens, Railroads, Dr. Ford, Dr. Fuller, the Secretary and Lyman Bennett passed. (See Resolutions.)

Invitations to the North Carolina Conference presented from High Point and Charlotte. Voted to hold the next session at High Point. Voted to hold the first session of Southern Central Conference at Concord.

Ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. M. Alston appointed to represent North Carolina Conference as Fraternal Messenger to N. C. Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Rev. W. G. Matton appointed to represent Southern Central Conference at same Meeting.

Ordered that W. G. Matton make an oral report on apportionments to be given to the Secretary in writing, for insertion in Minutes.

Committee of three appointed to make nominations for Conference Societies.

Minutes read and approved. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with prayer by Dr. Ford.

Report of Conference Board of Church Extension adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee presented. Ordered that one thousand copies of the Minutes be printed, and that the Presiding Elders retain the amount necessary from first Missionary drafts.

Committee to nominate officers of Conference Societies withdrawn.

R. Waters was granted location at his own request.

Committee on Memoirs presented obituary on H. F. Pope, which was ordered spread on the records of reports.

Bros. Eli Walker, M. Alston, W. W. Morgan, L. B. Gibson, W. H. Smith appointed a committee to visit Bennett Seminary.

Committee on Missions reported by W. G. Matton. Voted that the Bishop be requested to appoint C. G. Deming to North Carolina Seminary.

Examination Committees, Church Extension Boards, Triers of Appeals and Preachers of Missionary Sermons for both Conferences, appointed by the Bishop and Cabinet. Approved.

W. G. Matton, W. Rawlings and J. Welborn appointed by Southern Central Conference as Commission on Boundaries to treat with South Carolina and other Conferences.

Bishop Peck announced the transfer of T. M. Joiner from Southern Central Conference.

Rev. W. G. Matton led in closing devotions. After the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

IV. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1 Question.—C. G. Deming by transfer from Holston Conference; W. S. Sharpe by re-admission.

2 Ques.—Hardy Verner, Robert Smith, Manliff C. Smith, Thornton P. Hampton, Charles N. Grandison, Harry M. Murphy, John Daniel, David Blanks, William H. Payne.

3 Ques.—German Luder, Elijie Lopez.

4 Ques.—Edward O. Thayer, James H. Kounce, Wesley M. Bagby, Eli Walker, Robert O. Spaulding, Andrew Conner, Charles H. Brown.

5 Ques.—James Payne.

6 Ques.—John Bradshaw.

7 Ques.—Samuel S. Haynes, Abner Hill, Edward O. Thayer, Eli Walker, Robert O. Spaulding.

8 Ques. N. S. Farror.

9 J. W. Naylor.

10 Ques.—Usual answer.

11 Ques.—G. W. Price, W. S. Gladston, R. Waters.

12 Ques.—None.

13 Ques.—None.

14 Ques.—None.

15 Ques.—H. F. Pope.

16 Ques.—See statistics.

17 Ques.—$31.91.

18 Ques.—See Treasurer's report.

19 Ques.—See appointments.

20 Ques.—At High Point. Southern Central at Concord.

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Believing the Bible to contain the only and true knowledge of God's gracious purpose, whereby man can be saved from under the curse of the broken law, and is the sure standard of faith and love, and that this distribution is of great importance in advancing the cause of Christ, therefore,

Resolved, That we will use all our efforts in promoting the study and circulation of the Scriptures among our people, and in obtaining contributions for the American Bible Society.

TEMPERANCE.

[See last Year's Report.]

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

Your committee beg to report that the Freedmen's Aid Society has great claims upon our gratitude and earnest effort to second its work among us. We have the advantages of a Seminary, a fine commodious building, with a good corps of efficient teachers. Whereas our collections are so small, we recommend all our preachers to make an earnest effort to do their full duty on every charge, in raising good collections for the Society.

ON EDUCATION.

The church needs educated men and women, not only for ministers, missionaries and teachers, but also for church workers in all of our societies. We greatly need Sunday-School superintendents and teachers, class-leaders and stewards who are qualified for these offices by education and acquaintance with the affairs of the church. The advantage to the church of an educated membership must appear to every thoughtful person. We cannot do too much to promote this work emong all of the people. The public schools should have the cordial support of our members, and the efforts of the State to promote this cause should receive hearty approval. We also urge upon parents the importance of assisting their children to an education to the utmost of their ability.

In the Bennett Seminary we have a deep and abiding interest, and trust that both our preachers and people will do all in their power to send students to this institution.

We offer for adoption, the following resolutions, viz:

1. That Rev. E. O. Thayer, A. M., principal, and the assistant teachers of Bennett Seminary have our most cordial approval and endorsement.

2. That we will endeavor to send students to this institution from all of our circuits.

3. That we will take the collection for Education as the Discipline directs on all our charges.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

The Sunday-school and Tract cause is in a promising condition among us. We are learning the importance of these valuable agencies to our work. In the Sunday-school especially we see the church of the future, and when we review the past, and remember the difficulties through which we have come up to the present position, we thank God and take courage. Looking upon the thousands of children who gather in our schools and learn the way of life and usefulness, and are preparing for the battle of light against darkness and superstition, we see the triumph from afar, and are certain of future victories for the Master when these trained little ones shall go forth to the battle. For this preparation the Sunday-school is immediately adapted. We urge upon all our ministers to take a deeper interest and urge a more active co-operation to promote the growth and power of our schools. In the Tract cause we recognize a valuable assistant to our work both among the people and the Sunday schools, and cordially commend both Sunday-school Union and the Tract Society to the prayers and sympathies of both ministers and people. Also we recommend that all of our Sunday-schools patronize our Sunday-school Union, by purchasing all of our books from it, and organize all our Sunday-schools into Missionary societies, and take monthly collections for Missions.

VII. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

SEPARATION.

WHEREAS, The growth of our Church is such as to allow a division of our Conference for the better advancement of our common Zion, and

WHEREAS, A portion of our State by natural position and local interests indicates a distinct field of labor:

Therefore, We, the members of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, unite in asking the presiding Bishop to make such division of the Conference as may seem to him best for the interests of the Church.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we have listened with pleasure and profit to the fatherly counsel and soul-inspiring discourses of our beloved Bishop Peck, and that his presence among us has been fraught with blessing and encouragement. We earnestly pray that a protecting Providence may be with him on his journey home, and attend all his steps till he departs to be with God.

Resolved 2. That our most sincere thanks are gratefully tendered to the citizens of Groensboro, who have so generously opened their homes, and have treated us with such Christian courtesy.

Resolved, 3. That we would tender our thanks to the Piedmont Air-Line, Atlantic and North Carolina, Western North Carolina, and Carolina Central rail roads for a renewal of their past favors in granting reduction of fares.

LYMAN BENNETT.

Resolved, That the gratitude of the North Carolina Conference is hereby extended to our dear brother Lyman Bennett, for the beautiful building which he has erected for our school, and that we shall ever pray to God for a continuance of his beautiful life of usefulness on earth, and a joyful entrance to his Saviour's presence.

DR. FORD.

Resolved, That our zeal and knowledge with reference to Sunday-school work have been greatly strengthened and increased by the earnest, practical words of our Sunday-school Secretary, Dr. Ford, and that we most cordially entreat him to come among us and assist us by his wise counsel whenever he can moke it convenient.

DR. FULLER.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to Dr. Fuller for his presence among us and his aid so freely given. That we heartily endorse his paper—regarding it as one of leading factors in the evangelization of the South—and that we will by an earnest canvass among the families of our circuits endeavor to extend its circulation ten-fold.

SECRETARY.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the services of our efficient Secretary, Rev. E. O. Thayer, and hereby tender him our thanks.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

We have held three meetings this year. An Auditing Committee to examine into the way in which money granted is expended, was appointed as the Conference ordered. Applications were recommended to the Parent Board as follows:

High Point, donation of $200; Raleigh, $1,000; St. John's Church, Columbus Co., $75; Lenoir $250; Oxford $250. The donations to all but Raleigh were allowed.

The preachers will remember that in the future the amount allowed to our Conference will be in proportion to our contributions.

E. O. THAYER, *Secretary.* W. G. MATTON, *President.*

COMMITTEE TO APPORTION.

This Committee apportions the various amounts asked from this Conference, as follows:

For Missions,	5 cents per member.
For Church Extension,	3 cents per member.
For Freedmen's Aid,	3 cents per member.
For Episcopal Fund,	3 cents per member.
Total,	12 cents per member.

AUDITORS.

The Committee to audit accounts report that they have examined accounts of W. G. Matton, W. W. Morgan, M. Alston, G. W. Price and E. J. Bird, and find them correct.

E. O. THAYER,
Chairman.

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VII. OBITUARY OF HENRY F. POPE.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

For the first time in the history of our Conference death has entered our ranks and stricken down one of our beloved brethren.

HENRY F. POPE has been called by the Great Head of the Church to enter into his reward.

The subject of this memoir was born about 1816, converted when quite young, and filled with longing for the salvation of his people. He was licensed by the M. E. Church, South, and authorized to hold meetings and preach. He united with the A. M. E. Church about 12 years since, and was honored among his brethren, having acceptably filled the office of Presiding Elder.

In 1870 he united with our Church and was appointed to Greensboro. During his pastorate this church was erected, and he was greatly prospered. Subsequently he filled the following appointments: Oxford in 1871-72; Thomasville circuit 1873-74; 1875 Supernumerary; 1876 he was sent to Lexington and High Point; 1877 to Montgomery circuit. His last circuit was West Randolph, where he labored faithfully till May, when he was seized with fever. He came to the home of his life-long friend, Bro. Alston, where after several weeks of suffering, borne with Christian resignation, he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, on the 23d of May, 1878.

He was a good preacher, an earnest and successful pastor, and a devoted Christian. While we deeply feel his loss and miss him on the Conference floor, we hope when our labors are ended, and one by one we pass over the river, that we may meet our brother before the Throne.

W. G. MATTON,
MATTHEW ALSTON, } Committee.

VIII. ANNIVERSARIES.

On Thursday evening, Rev. Eli Walker preached a very acceptable discourse.

On Friday evening the Anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid and Education Societies was held, and was an unusually interesting occasion. Dr. Fuller gave an historical address, tracing the origin of the Freedmen's Aid Society back to Adam. Dr. Ford followed with a practical address full of good advice to the young, and spicy with good humor.

On Saturday evening Dr. Ford conducted the Anniversary of the Sunday School, giving most excellent lessons in the management of Sunday Schools. Rev. W. Rawlings closed with a few *pun-gent* remarks.

Sunday morning Bishop Peck preached a powerful sermon, contrasting the uncertain foundation of the sinner with that of the Christian. At the close of the sermon the deacons were ordained.

In the afternoon, Rev. A. C. Dutton, of South Carolina, discoursed on the Brotherhood of Man, conclusively proving that all men are descended from Adam, and not from apes. At night Dr. Ford gave a beautiful and encouraging discourse on Burden Bearers. Dr. Fuller preached at the M. E. Church South in the morning, and Bishop Peck in the evening. The colored churches in town were supplied with preaching bounteously during the week and on Sunday.

The Missionary Anniversary was appointed for Monday evening, but most of the preachers being very anxious to start immediately for their work, it was postponed to next year.

X. APPOINTMENTS, 1879.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, W. W. MORGAN, Raleigh.

	NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Polk and McDowell,	A. Connor,	Raleigh.
Caldwell & Wautaga,	sup'd by James Gordon,	Lenoir.
Lenoir & Hickory,	Robert Smith,	"
Alexander & Wilkes,	sup'd by O. Letterlough,	Taylorsville.
Mt. Airy & Jonesville,	W. Gray,	Winston.
Winston & Kernerville,	Isaac Wells,	"

Danbury,	John Daniels,	
Reidsville Station,	W. Walker,	Reidsville.
Chapel Hill Circuit,	S. M. Haynes,	"
Guilford "	C. W. Blaylock,	Greensboro.
Newton "	C. H, Brown,	Mt. Morin.
Lexington "	sup'd by P. W. Bowler,	Lexington.
Thomasville "	H. M. Murphy,	Thomasville.
High Point "	C. Grandison,	High Point.
East Randolph "	James Payne,	Greensboro.
Centre "	sup'd by L. F. Pierce,	
W. Randolph "	sup'd by C. Richwine,	
Asheboro "	J. H. Kounce,	High Point.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, M. G. CROOM, Greensboro.

Charlotte,	L. B. Gibson,	Greensboro.
Anson & Union,	A. Moore,	Elkinsville.
Hamlet Circuit,	W. C. Gibson,	Hamlet.
Laurinburg "	W. H. Smith,	Laurinburg.
Shoe Heel "	Abner Hill,	Shoe Heel.
Red Bank "	sup'd by David Lindsay,	
New Hope	R. O. Spaulding,	Elkinsville.
Lumberton Circuit,	J. E. Champlain,	Lumberton.
Columbus "	sup'd by P. P. Lowrie,	Red Bank.
Concord "	sup'd by E. M. Collett,	Concord.
Cleveland & Gaston,	T. M. Joiner,	Cleveland's Mills.
Well's Springs,	D. Blanks,	Elkinsville.
South Catawba,	J. W. Caldicutt,	Sherril's Ford.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, MATTHEW ALSTON, Greensboro.

Greensboro,	E. Walker,	Greensboro.
Deep River Circuit,	sup'd by M. M. Alston,	"
Oberlin "	D. Brooks,	Raleigh.
Love Hill "	To be supplied,	
Oxford Circuit,	W. H. Payne,	Oxford.
Goldsboro & Kinston,	D. Cornell,	Goldsboro.
New Berne,	sup'd by Lewis Bryan,	
Wilmington,	E. Møten,	Wilmington.
Bogaw & Point Caswell,	R. Alexander,	

E. O. Thayer, Principal of Bennett Seminary. Member of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

Matthew Alston, Financial Agent Bennett Seminary.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, W. G. MATTON, High Point.

Jefferson Circuit,	M C. Smith,	Trap Hill.
Boone "	To be supplied.	
Burke & Caldwell,	"	
Alleghany & S. Wilkes,	J. M. Welborn,	Trap Hill.
Yadkinville Circuit,	H. Verner,	
Taylorsville "	T. W. Matney,	Boone.

Lincoln & Gaston Ct.,	W. M. Bagby,	Catawba Station.
Mocksville Circuit,	J. N. Barker,	Zimmerman's.
Uwariah & Rowan,	T. P. Hampton,	
Cabarrus & Stanley,	Wm. Rawlings,	Dallas.
Forsyth & Guilford,	J. Bradshaw,	Winston.
Snow Camp,	sup'd by C. W. Turzell,	
Davidson,	C. G. Deming,	High Point.

C. G. Deming, Principal North Carolina Seminary.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, E. J. BIRD, Beaufort.

Harker's Island,	E. J. Bird.
Banks Circuit,	To be supplied.
Straits "	"
Piney Point Circuit,	"

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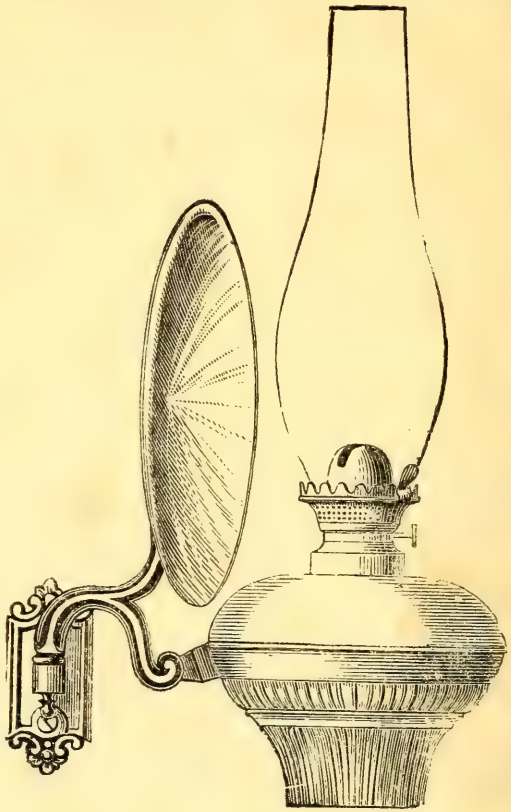

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ORGANIZATION.

I.—OFFICERS.

President—Rev. Bishop M. Simpson, D.D., LL.D.
Secretary—W. G. Matton.
Statistical Secretary—C. G. Deming.

COMMITTEES.

1. Public Worship—W. G. Matton, W. Rawlings.
2. Missions—J. M. Welborn, W. Rawlings, W. G. Matton.
3. Education—C. G. Deming, W. G. Matton, W. M. Bagby.
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. To prepare petition to General Conference for extension of boundaries—W. G. Matton, C. G. Deming, W. Rawlings.
2. To confer with parties on school location—C. G. Deming, W. G. Matton.
3. To fix place of holding next session—W. G. Matton, W. Rawlings, J. M. Welborn.

II.—COMMITTEES FOR 1880.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Preliminary Course—The Presiding Elder and preacher in charge.
First Year—W. Rawlings, M. C. Smith.
Second Year—J. N. Barker, C. G. Deming.
Third Year—W. M. Bagby, J. Bradshaw.
Fourth Year—J. M. Welborn, W. P. Matton.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon—C. G. Deming. *Alternate*—J. Bradshaw.

Triers of Appeals—W. G. Matton, J. M. Welborn, W. Rawlings, C. G. Deming, J. N. Barker, J. Bradshaw, W. M. Bagby.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President—W. G. Matton. *Vice-President*—W. Rawlings.
Secretary—C. G. Deming. *Treasurer*—J. Bradshaw.

MANAGERS.

Ministers—J. N. Barker, J. M. Welborn, T. P. Hampton, W. M. Bagby, H. Verner.

Laymen—C. W. Alexander, A. J. Benson, I. Morris, H. Swain, J. Wicker.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—Rev. Bishop Simpson.
Vice-Presidents—W. G. Matton, W. Rawlings.
Secretary—J. Bradshaw.
Treasurer—C. G. Deming.

III.—SYNOPSIS OF HISTORY.

In 1867—The Virginia and North Carolina Conference was organized at Portsmouth, Virginia, by Bishop Scott, at which seven preachers were appointed to North Carolina District.

In 1869—That Conference was divided into two, the one embracing the entire State of Virginia, the other that part of North Carolina not included in the Holston Conference.

The first session of the North Carolina Conference was held by Bishop Ames, at Union Chapel, Alexander county, North Carolina, and twelve preachers received appointments.

The work was prosecuted among both white and colored people, a considerable number of the latter being gathered into societies. Subsequently, as preachers were raised up, Circuits and Districts were formed.

In 1879—At Greensboro, the work was again divided by mutual consent, and the Southern Central Conference was organized by Bishop Peck, comprising the Greensboro and Eastern Districts, the first session appointed being at Concord.

During these thirteen years upward of 1,800 members and probationers have been enrolled upon the class books of the three Conferences, and there has been a large number of conversions, and an accumulation of over two hundred churches, valued at $132,650.

Surely there was a field for our labor, and God has certainly blessed it. To Him be all the praise.

MINUTES.

IV.—DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

First Day—Wednesday, January 28.

The first session of the Southern Central Conference convened in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Concord, N. C., (which was kindly tendered by the officiary) on Wednesday, January 28th, by Bishop M. Simpson, D.D., LL.D., presiding.

The Bishop opened the Conference by reading the 62d chapter of Isaiah. The 798th hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by the Bishop.

The roll was called by W. G. Matton, who was elected Secretary and C. G. Deming, Statistical Secretary.

The hour of opening was fixed at 9 A.M., and closing at 12 noon.

On motion, W. Rawlings and J. M. Welborn, were appointed to nominate Conference Committees.

Rev. Dr. Fuller, editor of *Methodist Advocate*, Rev. J. B. Ford, Sunday-school Agent, Rev. Mr. Dorland, principal of Scotia Seminary, and Rev. Mr. Cole, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced to the Conference.

After singing by the choir, Brother Ford addressed the Conference on the subject of Sunday-schools.

The doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Fuller.

Second Day—Thursday, Jan. 29.

Conference met at 9 A.M. Religious services were conducted by C. G. Deming.

The roll was called by the Secretary.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Committee to nominate reported, and the Conference elected its committees. See page —.

Communications from the Church Extension Society and Freedmen's Aid Society were read.

W. G. Matton called attention to the appointment of a commission by this Conference to confer with others on the subject of boundaries, and read a copy of a joint letter addressed by the Commission to the Holston Conference on the subject, and urged as this communication had received no response that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a petition to the General Conference for an extension of our boundaries. On motion, the Committee was ordered consisting of W. G. Matton, C. G. Deming, W. Rawlings.

A draft for $30 was ordered upon the Chartered Fund. The third question was taken up.

The Committee and Presiding Elder having reported, M. C. Smith was continued on trial. H. Verner and T. P. Hampton, character passed, and at request of the Committee they were continued on trial, subject to examination in the first year's course of study.

The 8th question was taken up, when the character of Thomas Sharp was passed, and he was continued a supernumerary.

The 9th question was then taken up, and J. W. Naylor was continued superannuate.

On the 10th question being taken up the character of W. G. Matton passed, and he reported the Greensboro District as having enjoyed much spiritual blessing, a number of conversions and some increase.

The following Elders on the District were passed, viz: J. M. Welborn, J. N. Barker, C. G. Deming, W. Rawlings. E. J. Bird was reported by W. G. Matton, and a letter from him was read, stating that in consequence of failing health and the difficulty of doing the work he had, with Bishop Peck's consent, gone to Nebraska, and requesting that he be granted a supernumerary relation, which on motion was granted.

Rev. Mr. Thornwell of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Fuller addressed the Conference on the publishing interests of the Church.

10 A M., to-morrow, was fixed for election of delegate to the General Conference.

Brother Ford addressed the Conference, and gave some valuable counsel on the best mode of pushing the Sunday-school work. W. G. Matton, also addressed the Conference.

Notices were given, and after singing by the choir, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Cole.

THIRD DAY.—FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour, Bishop Simpson presiding.

Religious services were conducted by J. M. Welborn.

Journal of yesterday was read, and, after some correction, approved.

A communication from the pastor of the A. M. E. Church was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Worship.

The Conference Board of Church Extension reported, and the report was accepted.

The Secretary reported the Statistics. (See page —).

Rev. Mr. McKinnon, of the Presbyterian Church, and Brother Parker, of the South Carolina Conference, were introduced.

W. G. Matton called attention to the benevolent collections, and requested the Bishop to give some instructions.

Bishop Simpson accordingly addressed the Conference on the subject.

The hour having arrived for election of delegate to the General Conference, M. C. Smith and H. Verner were appointed tellers.

A ballot was taken, resulting in the unanimous election of W. G. Matton as delegate.

C. G. Deming was elected reserve.

The Committee to Audit Accounts reported.

Rev. W. F. Parker, of South Carolina Conference, presented a paper from the Committee on Boundaries of that Conference, and advocated like action by us.

W. G. Matton made some remarks on the paper, and asked its reference to the Committee to Prepare Petition, which was, on motion, ordered.

The Committee on Sunday-Schools reported, which was, on motion, adopted.

The Committee on Temperance made a report, which was adopted.

W. G. Matton called attention to the statistics, after which the brethren gave brief reports of their respective circuits.

Rev. Mr. Heiglig, of the Lutheran Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Brother Naylor, a superannuate of this Conference, made some remarks.

The doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Brother Parker.

Fourth Day—Saturday, January 31.

Conference assembled at the usual hour, Bishop Simpson in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. Bradshaw.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The fifth question was called, when, on representation of the Presiding Elder, M. C. Smith was elected to deacon's orders under the missionary rule.

The seventh question was taken up, when, on motion, W. M. Bagby was elected to elder's orders, under the same rule.

The Committee and Presiding Elder having reported, J. Bradshaw's character passed, and he was elected to elder's orders.

Under the twentieth question, a committee, consisting of W. G. Matton, W. Rawlings and J. M. Welborn were appointed to fix the place for holding our next session.

The Bishop nominated the standing committees and Conference Board of Church Extension.

They were, on motion, elected. (See page —).

The Committee on Education made their report by C. G. Deming, who made some remarks.

W. M. Bagby advocated the report, as did W. Rawlings.

W. G. Matton reviewed the past educational efforts of the Conference, and advocated the effort proposed to raise funds among ourselves, leaving the question of location an open one for the present.

C. G. Deming strongly advocated the location at High Point, and urged definite action now.

W. Rawlings informed the Conference of some offers that had been made by a citizen of Concord.

The report being taken up, item by item, was adopted.

On motion, a committee, consisting of W. G. Matton and C. G. Deming were appointed to confer with parties on the subject of location.

The Committee on Conference relations reported, advising that the relation of T. W. Matney be made supernumary, which was done.

A communication from the pastor of the M. E. Church was read and referred to the Committee on Public Worship.

The Committee to prepare petition to the General Conference on change of boundaries, presented their report, which was adopted, and the paper circulated for signatures.

Dr. T. W. Smith and Dr. C. W. Woolen, delegate and reserve elect from the Lay Electoral Conference, were introduced, and informed the Conference of their having adopted a similar paper.

Resolutions endorsing the *Methodist Advocate*, and of thanks to Dr. Fuller and Dr. Ford, were offered by the Secretary and severally adopted by rising votes.

The Committee on Bible Cause reported. On motion the report was adopted.

W. Rawlings offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the pastor and trustees of the M. E. Church, South, for their kindness in tendering to us the use of this church for our session.

Adopted by a rising vote, whereupon the pastor, who was present, made a very kind response.

W. G. Matton offered the following:

Resolved, That we hereby present the thanks of this Conference to our beloved Bishop, for his kind and able presidency, and for his valued and instructive counsel.

Adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to procure suitable books for the Conference Records, to be paid for at the next session.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Concord, to the Railroad companies, to the organist and choir of this church,

and to the Secretaries, were severally adopted by rising votes.

The Conference Stewards made their report, which was, on motion, adopted.

The Secretaries were apoointed a committee to publish the Minutes of this session.

It was ordered that the amount necessary to pay expense of publication be deducted by the Presiding Elders from the first quarter's draft.

The Committee on Public Worship made their announcements for the Sabbath services.

W. G. Matton moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 4:30 this afternoon.

The doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned, with benediction by Dr. Ford.

Fourth Day—January 31.—Afternoon.

Conference convened at the close of the Sunday-school meeting, pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Simpson presiding.

The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

W. G. Matton moved the reconsideration of the report of the Committee on Education. Tne motion prevailed, when the report was amended by striking out the last resolution, in reference to location of school. The report as amended was then adopted.

The Conference ordered the publication of 500 copies of the Minutes of this session.

Resolutions on the death of Bishop Haven were adopted.

On motion the Secretary was directed to publish in the Minutes the amounts asked from this Conference for Missions, Episcopal Fund, and expenses of General Conference, and to apportion the amount among the charges.

It was ordered that the Certificate of Ordinations be inserted in the published Minutes.

The Committee on Missions reported, when the report, as read, was adopted.

The Journal was read and adopted, when the —— hymn was sung.

Brother Parker led in prayer and Bishop Simpson addressed the Conference.

The appointments were read, after which the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Simpson.

V.—RECAPITULATION.

Questions 1 and 2.—None.

Question 3.—H. Verner, M. C. Smith, T. P. Hampton, German Luder, Elijie Lopez.

Question 5.—M. C. Smith.
" 6.—W. M. Bagby.
" 7.—J. Bradshaw, W. M. Bagby.
" 8.—T. Sharpe, E. J. Bird, T. W. Matney.
" 9.—J. W. Naylor.
" 10.—This was strictly attended to.
" 11.—None.
" 12.—None.
" 13.—None.
" 14.—None.
" 15.—None.
" 16 —See page —.
" 17.—$15.
" 18.—See Report of Conference Stewards.
" 19.—See Appointments.
" 20.—To be fixed by a Committee.
" 21.—None.

VI.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

We recognize the need of Education to aid in every department of our Church work, for without an intelligent knowledge of the Truth, no great permanence or stability will result from our labors. From the infant class in our Sunday-school throughout the various grades of Church work to the ministry of our Conference, comes the demand for mental power to battle against sin.

There are a number of young men who are called of God to the ministry, but who cannot enter it with reasonable prospect of usefulness and efficiency without aid in obtaining an education, and who would enter schools were they within their reach. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we, each, pledge ourselves to raise at least $100 this year for the purpose of establishing a school within the bounds of our Conference.

2. *Resolved*, Whereas the larger portion of the work is in the western part of the State, we believe that a school should be located with reference to that fact, as well as generel healthfulness and economy of expenses.

CONFERRENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

That as there was no special appropriation made to this Conference by the Parent Board in 1878 (the organization of this Conference being then unforeseen), and upon learning that the North Carolina Conference had applications covering the entire amount appropriated, your Board decided to recommend no applications during the year 1879.

C. G. DEMING, Secretary. W. G. MATTON, President.

Sunday-Schools.

Since the prosperity of the Church depends in a great measure upon the success of the Sunday-school, we urge upon all our ministers and people the importance of this branch of Church work. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor to organize a Sunday school at all our appointments where we can gather ten persons for that purpose, and that we will furnish these schools with the publications of our own Sunday-school Union.

2. *Resolved*, That we will organize all our schools into Missionary Societies.

3. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor some time during the year to hold a Sunday-school Mass meeting on each circuit, and that we request our Presiding Elders to organize their Districts into Sunday-school Normal Institutes.

4. *Resolved*, That we will preach upon the work and importance of the Sunday-school at each appointment during the year, and take the annual collection for the Sunday-school Union.

Auditors.

Your Committee have examined the vouchers of the Presiding Elders, and found those of the Greensboro District correct, there being $5.25 unused by the supply of Alleghany circuit in the hands of the Presiding Elder, which we recommend be returned to the Missionary Society.

The vouchers of E. J. Bird, Presiding Elder of the Eastern District for the first three quarters were sent to Hitchcock & Walden, and were correct. The fourth quarter's draft has been returned to Bishop Simpson.

Bible Cause.

Too much importance cannot be attached to the distribution of the Scriptures. No papers, books or literature of any kind will answer as a substitute for the Word of God. There is no community, family nor individual that can afford to do without the Book of books. It makes life happy; it makes intelligent Christians; it comforts the sick and afflicted, and is the joy of the dying. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to promote this cause by taking collections on all our circuits for the American Bible Society.

Temperance.

Whereas, The evils of Intemperance are apparent on every hand: Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference that a decided stand should be taken on Temperance.

2. *Resolved,* That we recommend every preacher of this Conference to preach on the subject of Temperance at least once during the coming year, and do all in our power to put down this monster evil.

3. *Resolved,* That this Conference regards Temperance as one of the principles of the Gospel, and not an outside issue. And we believe the use of any kind of intoxicating liquors, including wine or cider (as a beverage) decidedly wrong and contrary to the teachings of the Word of God.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE PETITION.

That we have considered the subject committed to us, and conferred with Brother Parker of the committee on boundaries of South Carolina Conference, and submit the following petition to the General Conference:

We, the members of the Southern Central Conference respectfully ask that the present boundaries of the Conference be so extended as to include the whole State of North Carolina, together with the Spartanburgh and Piedmont circuits, now included in the South Carolina Conference.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

We have received and disbursed as follows:

Received Chartered Fund draft	$30 00	
Paid to J. W. Naylor.....		$15 00
Balance in hand		15 00
		$30 00

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATIONS.

I hereby certify that on Sunday, February 1, 1880, I ordained as Deacon, Manliff C. Smith; and as Elders, John Bradshaw and Wesley M. Bagby, according to the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church. M. SIMPSON.

VII.—RESOLUTIONS.

BISHOP HAVEN.

Resolved, That in the death of our beloved Bishop Haven, we have sustained a great loss, and while we feel in common with the whole Church that a great, good man, and one of the chief princes of our Israel has fallen in the fullness of his strength, we as laborers in this Southern field, are peculiarly bereaved in the fall of our resident superintendent, who was ever ready with wise counsel and active sympathy. But while our hearts are saddened by the stroke, and we deeply mourn our loss, we are yet thankful to our Heavenly Father for giving us his noble example, his earnest life and faithful labors, and above all for his glorious triumph over the last enemy.

Resolved further, that these resolutions be spread upon the Journal, and a copy published in the *Methodist Advocate.*

Methodist Advocate.

Whereas, there is a growing necessity for the diffusion of information of our Church work and operations; and,

Whereas, the *Methodist Advocate* meets this requirement; Therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the *Methodist Advocate*, and will make an earnest effort to place the paper in the homes of all our people.

Resolved, That we have been greatly delighted and profited by Dr. Fuller's able presentation of our church's publishing interests, and by his pulpit and other services among us, for which we tender him our hearty thanks.

Rev. J. B. Ford.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the pulpit labors and stirring addresses of our Sunday-school Agent, Rev. J. B. Ford, and hereby tender him our grateful thanks.

Thanks to Citizens, Etc.

Resolved 1. That our sincere thanks are gratefully tendered to the citizens of Concord, for their hospitable entertainment.

Resolved 2. That we hereby tender our thanks to the Railroad Companies who have favored us with reduced fares.

Organist and Choir.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to the organist and choir of the M. E. Church, South, for their kindly aid in our public services.

VIII.—ANNIVERSARIES.

On Thursday evening a Missionary Meeting was held. Addresses were made by Dr. Fuller and Rev. J. B. Ford, after which a Conference Missionary Society was organized.

On Friday evening the Anniversary of the Church Extension Society was held, at which W. G. Matton, Dr. Fuller, and Dr. Ford made addresses.

On Saturday afternoon a Sunday-school meeting was held, in charge of Rev. J. B Ford.

Saturday evening was devoted to the Education and Sunday-school Anniversaries. Speeches were made by C. G. Deming and Dr. Ford.

On Sunday the Conference Love Feast was held at 9 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock Bishop Simpson preached an impressive and inspiring discourse, from II. Cor. vi. chap. 18, showing the power of the unseen.

In the afternoon Dr. Fuller preached an able sermon, after which the candidates were ordained.

Dr. Ford preached at night.

Bishop Simpson also preached at the Presbyterian church at 7 P.M.

All the pulpits of Concord were filled on Sunday by members of the Conference and visitors.

IX. STATISTICS.

No. 1.—STATISTICS FOR GREENSBORO DISTRICT, SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE, FOR 1880.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP. Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	BAPTISMS. Children.	Adults.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Churches.	Probable Value	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	SABBATH SCHOOLS. Schools.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. Conference Claimants.	FOR MISSIONS. Churches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.	Woman's For. Mis'y Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.
1. Jefferson Circuit	101	409	5	3	8		3	$800 00	...		5	20	125	.....	11 39	1 50	12 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2. Boone Circuit	10	75	1	...	1			100 00	...		1	5	20	.....				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3. Alleghany and N. Wilks	39	256	6	...	11			1200 00	...		5	18	150	.....	4 40	60	5 00	.....	28	.....	40	.....	.....	.....
4. Yadkinville Circuit	57	265	3	...	5	4	2	500 00	...		3	15	75	.....	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5. Taylorsville Circuit	15	240	1	...	4	4	1	1300 00	...		1	4	50	.....	1 37	.....		.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6. Lincoln & Gaston Circuit	102	273	3	1	12	3	3	2500 00	...		4	7	85	.....	3 00	1 50	4 50	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 25	1 50	1 25
7. Mocksville Circuit	11	167	2	1	3	16	1	1500 00	...		2	6	50	.....	2 00	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. Uwarrah & Rowan Circuit	5	99	2	1		1	2	800 00	1	$150 00	1	2	60	.....		85	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9. Cabarrus & Stanley Circuit	.....	296	2	...	19	.....	1	2500 00	1	250 00	3	16	280	.....	5 20	.....	5 20	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....
10. Forsyth & Guilford Circ't.	4	170	2	...	1	6	1	2000 00	...					.....	1 45	.....	1 45	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11. Snow Camp and Davidson	18	108	2	...	.....	.....	3	1000 00	...		3	10	65	.....	2 25	.....	2 25	.....	25	10	10	10	10	10
Total	252	2,588	29	25	79	99	25	$1200 00	2	$400 00	27	103	960	.....	$34 41	$3 60	$38 01	$2 00	$6 28	1 10	2 10	1 35	1 60	1 35
EASTERN DISTRICT.																								
1. Harker's Island	10	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3000 00	...		1	7	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2. Straits	10	75	5	...	.....	.....	1	1500 00	...		1	18	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3. Banks	21	36	1	...	12	.....	...	.....	...		1	10	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4. Bogue	40	14	1	1	28	33	...	.....	...		1	18	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	81	175	7	6	40	33	2	4500 00	...		4	53	2 65											
Grand Total	333	2563	36	29	119	132	27	18700 00	2	$400 00	31	156	1,225	.....	$34 41	$3 60	$38 01	$ 2 00	$ 6 28	1 10	2 10	1 35	1 60	1 35
RECAPITULATION.																								
Last Year	264	2575	32	23	100	119	21	$17550	3	400 00	33	177	1,289	.....	34 80	3 30	38 10	2 00	8 20	1 25	1 50	2 77	1 73	2 25
This Year	333	2563	36	29	119	132	27	18700	2	400 00	31	156	1,225	.....	34 41	3 60	92 83	2 00	6 88	1 10	2 10	1 35	1 60	1 35

No. II—*STATISTICS FOR GREENSBORO DISTRICT, SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE, FOR* 1880.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.															
	Support of Bishops.	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Claims for Ministerial Support	Receipts for Ministerial support.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages	Scholars fifteen years old and over.	Scholars under 15, except In fant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of School this Year.	Sunday School Advocates taken weekly.	Sunday School Advocates taken semi-monthly.	Sunday School Journals taken.
1. Jefferson Circuit	.....	$85 00	.....	$200 00	$97 00	5	20	125	.....	.....	.....	85	20	.....	.....	.....	$5 40	.....	.....	9
2. Boone Circuit	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 00	1	5	20	8	12	.....	15	5	12	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3. Alleghany and N. Wilks	.....	50 00	.....	200 00	150 00	5	18	150	70	80	.....	.....	15	60	15	.....	.....	.....	1	1
4. Yadkinville Circuit	.....	.....	.....	165 00	62 00	3	15	75	25	35	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5. Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	150 00	80 00	1	4	50	20	30	.....	40	4	30	15	75	.....	.....	.....	.....
6. Lincoln and Gaston	.....	.....	.....	250 00	166 00	3	7	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. Mocksville	.....	.....	.....	205 00	90 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. Uwariah and Rowan	.....	.....	.....	200 00	60 00	1	2	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9. Cabarrus and Stanley	.....	.....	.....	250 00	229 00	3	16	280	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10. Forsyth and Guilford	.....	.....	.....	300 00	205 00	2	6	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11. Snow Camp and Davidson	$1 25	.....	$17 00	125 00	25 00	3	10	65	40	25	.....	40	5	1	1	95	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$1 25	$135 00	$17 00	$2,015	$1,328	27	103	960	163	182	.....	195	51	103	41	170	$6 40	.....	1	10
Totals last year	3 45	486 00	100 00	2,600	1,118	33	177	1289	296	263	87	297	71	248	110	375	10 50	.....	.....	.....

No Returns from the Eastern District.

X.—APPOINTMENTS, 1880.

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder.—J. M. Welborn, Trap Hill, Wilkes.
Boone Circuit—To be supplied by J. P. Matney.
Jefferson Circuit—H. Verner.
Antioch Circuit—J. M. Welborn.
Roaring Gap Circuit—To be supplied by J. A. Calloway.
Taylorsville Circuit—To be supplied.
Wilksboro Circuit—To be supplied.
Yadkinville Circuit—T. P. Hampton.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder—W. G. Matton, High Point.
Forsythe and Guilford Circuit—J. Bradshaw.
Snow Camp Circuit—To be supplied.
Deep River Circuit—C. G. Deming.
Uwariah Circuit—To be supplied by W. Cranford.
Mt. Mitchell Circuit—M. C. Smith.
Shiloh Circuit—To be supplied.
Gastonia Circuit—W. M. Bagby.
Mocksville Circuit—J. N. Barker.
Davidson Circuit—To be supplied.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder—W. Rawlings, Beaufort.
Harker's Island—W. Rawlings.
Straits—To be supplied.
Banks—To be supplied.
Bogue—To be supplied.

XI.—MEMORANDA.

I.—The amounts required to meet the apportionments to this Conference for 1880 are as follows:

For Missions	6	cents per member
" Church Extension	2	" " "
" Freedman's Aid	4	" " "
" Episcopal Fund	2	" " "
" General Conference expenses	2	" " "

The collections for the latter must be taken within the first quarter, and the amount forwarded to Hitchcock & Walden, or to the Delegates-elect.

II.—Sermons to be preached by order of Conference—On Temperance at every appointment.

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I.—HISTORIC.

PURSUANT to the order of last Session, the delegates to the General Conference presented petitions for a change of boundaries, Dr. T. W. Smith presenting that of the Lay Electoral Conference, and W. G. Matton that of himself and ten other ministers (see Journal of General Conference;) and the following Resolution was offered by W. G. Matton:

WHEREAS, The name Southern Central is indefinite and misleading, and does not fix the location; therefore

Resolved, That the name of Southern Central Conference be changed to Blue Ridge Conference,

Which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries, (Journal General Conference, p. 247,) which reported as follows:

That the Blue Ridge Conference shall embrace the whole State of North Carolina. (See Discipline, p. 232.)

II.—OFFICERS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Officers.

President,
BISHOP H W. WARREN, D.D.,
110 Whitehall St., Atlanta, Ga.

Secretary,
REV. WM. G. MATTON.

Statistical Secretary,
REV. M. C. SMITH.

Committees.

1. PUBLIC WORSHIP,
J. F. ROBESON, W. G. MATTON.

2. TEMPERANCE.
F. M. FANNING, W. G. MATTON, J. F. ROBESON.

3 TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS
W. M. BAGBY, J. G. TRULL.

4. CONFERENCE RELATIONS.
J. N. BARKER, A. F. CRESWELL, W. M. BAGBY.

5. STATE OF THE CHURCH.
W. G. MATTON, F. M. FANNING, W. RAWLINGS.

6. MISSIONS,
F. M. FANNING, W. G. MATTON, J. M. WELBORN,
W. RAWLINGS.

7. EDUCATION.
A. F. CRESWELL, J. F. ROBESON, W. M. BAGBY,
F. M. FANNING, W. G. MATTON.

8. SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.
W. W. BROYLES, M. C. SMITH, F. M. FANNING,
A. B. JONES.

9. BIBLE CAUSE.
J. N. BARKER, W. RAWLINGS, J. G. TRULL

10. CONFERENCE STEWARDS.
E. C. REECE, M. C. SMITH.

11. POST OFFICES.
D. M. CLAYTON.

12. PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.
A. F. CRESWELL, W. M. BAGBY.

13. COMMITTEE TO APPORTION AMOUNTS ASKED FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.
THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

14. TO COLLECT ACCOUNTS FOR CONFERENCE BOOKS, ETC.
W. M. BAGBY, M. C. SMITH.

III.—STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1881.

Committees of Examination.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

M. C. SMITH, J. F. ROBESON.

FIRST YEAR.

M. W. BROYLES, W. M. BAGBY.

SECOND YEAR.

A. F. CRESWELL, F. M. FANNING.

THIRD YEAR.

W. RAWLINGS, J. G. TRULL.

FOURTH YEAR.

W. G. MATTON, J. M. WELBORN.

To Examine Local Preachers for Orders.

THE PRESIDING ELDER AND PREACHER IN CHARGE.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.

J. F. WOODFIN, Alternate—W. M. BAGBY.

Triers of Appeals.

W. G. MATTON, J. M. WELBORN, W. RAWLINGS,
A. F. CRESWELL, J. N. BARKER,
F. M. FANNING, J. F. WOODFIN.

Conference Board of Church Extension.

President—F. M. FANNING, Vice-President—W. G. MATTON,
Secretary—M. C. SMITH, Treasurer—J. E. REED.

MANAGERS.

C. W. ALEXANDER, T. C. BROWN,
J. M. WELBORN, F. W. SMITH.

Commission on Conference Boundaries.

W. G. MATTON, F. M. FANNING, J. F. WOODFIN,
J. F. ROBESON, J. M. WELBORN.

IV.—DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

SECOND SESSION—FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1881.

The second session of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met at Leicester, North Carolina, on Thursday, January 20, 1881, and was called to order by W. G. Matton.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. F. M. Fanning.

The Conference elected F. M. Fanning President. The roll was called by the Secretary of last session. See roll.

W. G. Matton was elected Secretary, and M. C. Smith assistant.

On motion of the Secretary, same committee were appointed. (See chapter II.)

The Conference fixed the hour for opening the session at 9; closing at 12:30.

It appearing that no committee were appointed at the last session to examine local preachers for orders, the following brethren were appointed such committee: J. M. Welborn, A. F. Creswell.

The Secretary moved that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by W. G. Matton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference assembled at the appointed hour, Bishop H. W. Warren, D.D., in the chair, who opened the session by reading parts of the 4th chapter of Luke and 12th chapter of 2d Corinthians. The 798th hymn was sung and the Bishop led in prayer.

The Journal of the morning session was read and adopted. The roll was called and completed, several additional members answering the call.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to elect committees. (See chapter II.)

The Bishop presented some papers from the State Prohibition Convention, which were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Communications from the Church Extension Society, Book Agents (on Episcopal Fund), and exhibit of the Concern, were read, and referred to appropriate committees.

The committee to petition the General Conference for change of boundaries, reported by W. G. Matton. Some remarks were made by F. M. Fanning on the subject.

The committee appointed at last session, to confer with parties on location of school reported, when brother Fanning addressed the Conference on the subject, and advocated the location of a District School in Abbeville District.

Bishop Warren gave a description of the growth of the Boston

University from small beginnings, and encouraged the effort to build up schools in the Conference. Dr. Fuller also made some remarks, when the subject was laid over to await the report on the Committee on Education.

The committee to procure books for the Conference records, reported.

On motion, a committee was appointed to collect the amount due for them.

The Committee on Publication of Minutes of last session, reported. On motion, the report was adopted, and referred to the above committee to collect amount due.

On motion, the Conference adjourned with the doxology.

Benediction by Bishop Warren.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.

Conference convened at the usual hour, Bishop Warren presiding. Religious services were conducted by F. M. Fanning.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted. Roll called by the Secretary and corrected. Further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Twentieth Question was taken up, when the character of W. G. Matton passed, and he reported Greensboro District.

The following Elders passed, J. N. Barker, C. G. Deming. J. Bradshaw's character passed, and, at his request, he was located.

J. M. Welborn's character passed, and he reported the Blue Ridge District. Bishop Warren made some remarks upon the benevolences of the church.

W. Rawlings' character passed, and he reported the Eastern District. The Bishop congratulated the Conference upon the favorable aspect of the Temperance Cause in that district.

Rev. Dr. Kennedy and Rev. J. T. Stover, of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced.

E. J. Bird's character passed. W. G. Matton reported him as stationed at Mead, Nebraska.

Thomas Sharpe's character passed, and he was continued supernumerary.

T. W. Matney's character passed, and his relation continued. It was moved that he be asked to locate. The motion was adopted.

Asheville District was called, when, F. M. Fanning's character passed, and he reported Asheville and part of the Hendersonville Circuit. He reported the cases of the following brethren, whose character passed: J. F. Woodfin, R. M. Witt.

Some remarks were made by the Secretary on the subject of Benevolent Collections who suggested some plans by which to increase them.

In this connection, the Bishop referred to the Statistics of the South Carolina Conference.

The Third Question was taken up, when the character of T. P. Hampton was passed, and, on motion of his Presiding Elder, he was continued.

H. Verner's character passed, and, at his request, he was discontinued.

M. C. Smrth's character passed, and he reporred the work on Mount Mitchell Circuit. The Committee and Presiding Elder having reported favorably, he was examined on the Disciplinary Questions by the Bishop, and admitted into full connection. Rev. Dr. Fuller was introduced to the Conference, and made some remarks on the relative advance of the M. E. Church in the North, and that of the M. E. Church here, and gave some account of the Methodist Advocate, and our publishing interests in the South, when resolutions endorsing the Methodist Advocate were offered by W. G. Matton, and adopted unanimously. (See resolutions.)

Committees were called. Notices were given and the Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. Dr. Kennedy.

THIRD DAY—Saturday, January 22.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock, Bishop Warren in the chair. Devotional exercises by W. Rawlings.

The Bishop spoke on the subject of self-support, and called attention to the rules of the General Conference Societies, as to apportionment and appropriation, announcing that the Missionary Society had apportioned $100 to this Conference.

On motion, this communication was referred to the Committee on Apportionment.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted. The Conference ordered a draft on the chartered fund for $30.

The Second Question was taken up, when, on the recommendation of the Quarterly Conferences of Spartanburg, S. C., Jefferson and Waynesville, and the Committee and Presiding Elders having reported favorably, J. F. West, E. C. Reece and F. M. Presley were admitted on trial.

The Third Question was again taken up, when the character of D. M. Clayton passed. He gave an account of his work, and was advanced, with instruction to bring up the books not studied with this year's course.

J. R. Cannon's character passed. At the suggestion of the committee, he was continued in the first year's class.

The Fifth Question was resumed, when T. F. Roberson's character passed, and he reported his work—but desiring to study the new course, he was continued in the class.

The Thirteenth Question was taken up. M. W. Broyles' character passed, and he was advanced to bring up the following books next year, viz: God's Written Word and Harmon's Introduction. He was elected to Elder's Orders.

A. F. Creswell's character passed. He reported his work, and was advanced; and also elected to Elder's Orders.

W. M. Bagby's character passed. He gave an account of his work, and was advanced with the condition that he brings up Pope's Theology next year. (He is an elder.)

The Tenth Question was taken up, when on the recommendation of Wilksboro Circuit, Jonas Cole was elected to Local Deacon's orders.

The Eighteenth Question was called, when the character of A. F. English passed, and he was continued a Supernumerary.

J. G. Trull's character passed, and, on motion, he was made effective.

The Twentieth Question was resumed, when J. M. Woodfin asked to be made Superannuate, which was done.

Rev. D F. Wells was introduced to the Conference.

The Thirty-Third Question was called, when F. M. Fanning moved that the Bishops be respectfully asked to fix the time of holding our Conference, either in September or October. W. G. Matton offered an amendment, when, after remarks by F. M. Fanning, J. M. Woodfin and others, the resolution was amended. (See resolution.)

The Secretary called attention to our relation to the South Carolina Conference on the subject of boundaries, and moved the appointment of a Commission to confer with South Carolina Conference as authorized by the Discipline, p. 390. The following brethren were appointed: W. G. Matton, F. M. Fanning, J. F. Woodfin, J. F. Roberson, J. M. Welborn.

The Conference engaged in devotional exercises, Bishop Warren and brother Fanning led in prayer. W. G. Matton called attention to the M. M. M. R. A., and urged the brethren to consider the matter. Bishop Warren endorsed the management of the Association. Notices were given, when the Conference adjourned with the doxology.

Benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY—Monday, January 25.

Conference met at the appointed time, Bishop Warren in the chair. Religious services were conducted by M. C. Smith.

The Journal of Saturday was read, and after correction, adopted.

On motion of F. M. Fanning, the motion fixing the place of the next session be reconsidered.

The motion prevailed. After discussion, the Secretary offered as a substitute the following:

Resolved, That the place for holding our next session be fixed by a committee, consisting of the Presiding Elders, which was adopted.

The Conference Board of Church Extension reported. Ordered filed. W. G. Matton offered a resolution instructing the new board, which was adopted. (See resolution.)

The Committee on Bible Cause presented a report, when some facts in the history of the Conference were related by the Secretary, who urged an earnest effort to raise funds for the American Bible Society. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday-schools and Tracts reported. Bishop Warren, W. G. Matton, Dr. Fuller, W. Rawlings and F. M. Fanning made remarks, after which the report was adopted.

The Auditors reported the accounts.

The Presiding Elder of Greensboro District, asked the direction of the Conference respecting Snow Camp appropriation.

W. Rawlings explained the case of the Banks on the Eastern District, when the report was adopted.

The Secretary offered a resolution, pledging the preachers to pay full price for the Methodist Advocate this year, which was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Education presented a report. Dr. Fuller, W. G. Matton, F. M. Fanning and Bishop Warren addressed the Conference, after which the report was adopted. (See report.)

The Conference Stewards reported. Their report was adopted.

The Secretary offered the following:

Resolved, That we are delighted with this the first visit of Bishop Warren to our Conference. The manifest and full sympathy with our work, his patient and careful consideration of the varied interests involved, merit our highest esteem and commendation; together with his ability in the pulpit and on the platform, have won for him the admiration of ourselves and the people. We shall always be glad to welcome him among us. Adopted by a rising vote.

The committee to settle accounts for books and balance on Minutes, reported. Their report was adopted. The Conference ordered five hundred copies of the Minutes of this session.

Also ordered that the balance in the hands of the Conference Stewards be applied in payment, and that the remainder be apportioned among the preachers *pro rata*, and deducted from the first quarter's missionary appropriation.

The Committee on Publication were directed to distribute the Minutes.

On motion, A. F. Creswell and W. M. Bagby were appointed such committee—the Secretary agreeing to furnish the manuscript for the printer.

The Bishop presented a Certificate of Ordinations, which was ordered filed.

It was moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 3 P.M. Notices were given, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by F. M. Fanning.

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, JANUARY 25—Afternoon.

The Conference assembled at the appointed hour, J. M. Welborn in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by W. M. Bagby. Dr. Fuller addressed the Conference, on the subject of pastoral support. At this point Bishop Warren took the chair and announced the nominations for Conference Board of Church Extension, which were confirmed. The Triers of Appeal and the Standing Committees were elected.

The appointment of J. F. Woodfin to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, and W. M. Bagby, Alternate, was announced.

The statistics were read and adopted. W. G. Matton offered a reso" lution on revising them by the Quarterly Conferences. Adopted.

Resolutions of thanks to citizens for hospitalities and to railroads for favors, were offered by the Secretary, and adopted unanimously,

The Committee on Temperance offered a report. Addresses were made by W. G. Matton and F. M. Fanning, when the report was adopted.

The Committee on Missions presented a report, which was adopted.

The Committee to apportion amounts, asked from the Conference, obtained leave to hand their report to the Secretary for publication in the Minutes.

The Conference directed the President and Secretary to sign the petition to the General Assembly of North Carolina, in behalf of the Conference.

The journal was read and adopted.

The Bishop addressed the Conference. The appointments were read, after which the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Warren.

APPOINTMENTS, 1881.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	W. G. Matton	High Point, N. C.
Asheville Station	To be supplied	
Asheville Ct	J. R. Cannon	Asheville, N. C.
Hendersonville Ct	F. M. Fanning	Gypsy, Buncombe Co., N. C.
Leicester Ct	J. F. Robeson	Sandy Mush, Buncombe Co., N. C.
Waynesville Ct	J. F. West	Waynesville, Buncombe Co., N. C.
Pigeon River Ct	A. F. Creswell	Asheville, Buncombe Co., N. C.
Webster and Highlands	M. C. Smith	Highlands, Buncombe Co, N. C.
Transylvania Ct	Sup'ed by J. Sutherland.	Mill Creek.
Murphy Ct	R. M. Witt	Murphy, Cherokee Co.

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	J. M. Welborn	Trap Hill, Wilkes Co., N. C.
Boone Ct	Sup'ed by J. P. Matney.	Blowing Rock, N. C.
Jefferson Ct	F. M. Presley	Busbee, Buncombe Co., N. C.
Antioch and Roaring Gap	E. C. Reece	Trap Hill, Wilkes Co., N. C.
Taylorsville Ct	T. P. Hampton	
Wilksboro Ct	Sup'ed by J. Cole	Helton, Ashe Co., N. C.
Bakersville Ct	D. M. Clayton	Bakersville, Mitchell Co., N. C.
Catawba Ct	J. G. Trull	Old Fort, McDowell Co., N. C.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	J. D. Roberson	
Forsyth and Guilford	Sup'ed by C. C. Stoltz.	Bethania, Forsyth Co., N. C.
Davidson	C. G. Deming	High Point, N. C.
Snow Camp and Deep Riv'r.	Sup'ed by J. W. Barker.	
Uwarrah	Sup'ed by	
Mount Mitchell	W. M. Bagby	Concord, Cabarrus Co., N. C.
	One to be supplied.	
Shiloh	Sup'ed by F. L. Clarke.	China Grove, Cabarrus Co., N. C.
Gastonia Ct	M. W. Broyles	Gastonia, Gaston Co., N. C.
	One to be supplied.	
Mocksville Ct	J. N. Barker	New Hope, Iredell Co., N. C.
Yadkinville Ct	Sup'ed by W. Calloway.	Kapp's Mill, Surrey Co., N. C.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	W. Rawlings	Beaufort, N. C.
Harkers Island	W. Rawlings	
Davis Shore	To be supplied	
Straits	Sup'ed by D. Guthrie	
Bogue	Sup'ed by J. C. Wilson	

VI—DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences? F. M. Fanning, J. F. Robeson, A. F. Creswell, D. M. Clayton, J. G. Trull, M. W. Broyles, R. M. Witt, J. D. Woodfin, A. F. English, J. D. Roberson, from Holston, and J. R. Cannon from South Carolina Conferences.

Question 2. Who are admitted on trial? E. C. Reece, J. F. West, F. M. Presley.

Question 3. Who remain on trial? T. P. Hampton, D. M. Clayton, J. F. Roberson, J. R. Cannon.

Question 4. Who are discontinued? H. Verner.

Question 5. Who are admitted into full connection? M. C. Smith.

Question 6. Who are re-admitted? None.

Question 7. Who are received on credentials? None.

Question 8. What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons? None.

Question 9. What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons? None.

Question 10. What local preachers have been elected Deacons? Jonas Cole.

Question 11. What local preachers have been ordained Deacons? Jonas Cole.

Question 12. Who are the traveling Deacons of the first-class? M. C. Smith.

Question 13. Who are the traveling Deacons of the second-class? None.

Question 14. What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders? M. W. Broyles, A. F. Creswell, W. M. Bagby. (He is an Elder.)

Question 15. What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders? M. W. Broyles, A. F. Creswell.

Questions 16 and 17. None.

Question 18. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Thomas Sharpe, T. W. Matney, A. F. English.

Question 19. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. W. Naylor, J. F. Woodfin.

Question 20. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly attended to.

Question 21. Have any died? None.

Question 22. Have any been transferred and to what Conferences? E. J. Bird to Nebraska Conference.

Question 23. Have any withdrawn? None.

Question 24. Have any been located at their own request? John Bradshaw.

Question 25. Have any been located? None.

Question 26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

Question 27. Have any been expelled? None.

Question 28. Who are elected Triers of Appeals? (See page 5, Chapter III.)

Question 29. What is the statistical report for this Conference year? (See page —, Chapter XI.)

Question 30. What are the claims on the Conference Fund? $30.

Question 31. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? (See report of the Conference Stewards.)

Question 32. Where are the preachers stationed? (See appointments, Chapter V.)

Question 33. Where shall the next Conference be held? To be fixed by a Committee consisting of the Presiding Elders.)

VII.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1.—TEMPERANCE.

Your committee are as much as ever convinced that the great and growing evil of Intemperance, with all its destructive train, is the chief cause of the misery and moral degradation which everywhere abounds—and that despite of local option, and other kindred laws.

In our judgment no remedy short of total abstinence by the individual, and prohibition by the State offers any hope of permanent and real reform; recognizing the great truths so clearly affirmed in our Discipline: "That temperance is distinctively a Christian virtue, and that the use of all alcoholic beverages is neither useful nor safe." We are rejoiced to know that these truths which have always been maintained in the theories of nearly all the Churches, are coming to the front and stirring the minds of the people as never before.

We hail with thankfulness these hopeful signs of a general awakening of the better elements of our State, and are determined to use all our ability to spread information, and arouse action in our societies on this important subject; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we are in full sympathy with the spirit and purpose of the State Prohibition Convention, recently held at Raleigh, and heartily endorse its action, as expressed in the petition to the Legislature, which we pledge ourselves to circulate.

Resolved, 2. That we will co-operate in the organization of County Prohibitory Associations, and use all our influence and best efforts, both in the pulpit and out of it, to procure the passage of a stringent Prohibitory Law in our State.

In conformity with the above report, the following petition has been transmitted to the General Assembly of North Carolina, viz:

The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session, at Leicester, N. C., unanimously endorse the action of the State Prohibition Convention, and respectfully petition the General Assembly

of the State of North Carolina to pass an absolute and unqualified Prohibitory Law, imposing penalties for manufacturing or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage.

Signed by order of the Conference.

HENRY W. WARREN, Presiding Bishop.
WM. G. MATTON, Secretary.

2.—EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education presents the following report: The proper training of youth is a duty resting upon the family, the State and the Church. Men are born in ignorance, and in the nature of things, are obliged to learn if they desire to know. All need instruction in the duties of life, and in the relations which they sustain to each other, and their obligations to God. Education should be of such a character as would tend not only to develop the mind, but also the higher nature of man—the moral and the spiritual. Every parent should seek the highest good of the child; every family should be both school and church affording to childhood and youth, wholesome instruction, good example and training in usefulness.

The State is under obligation to itself and to society to provide that all be taught to read and write, and also to furnish schools in which any may acquire a thorough training in the common English branches of study. The Church should supply its people with these privileges, wherever the State fails to do so, and also provide opportunities for higher education to those who desire its benefits.

In harmony with these views, your committee present the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference, to wit:

Resolved, 1. That we will endeavor to impress upon our people the importance of giving their children the most complete education which their circumstances will allow.

Resolved, 2. That we will heartily co-operate with the efforts put forth by the State for the education of the masses, and that we will urge the adoption of a compulsory free school system in the State of North Carolina.

Resolved, 3. That we will establish two institutions of learning of academic grade, within the Conference as soon as practicable.

Resolved, 4. That F. M. Fanning, A. F. Creswell, J. F. Robeson, W. J. Worley, A. M. Gudger, T. C. Brown and J. L. Randall be and are hereby appointed a commission to locate and put in operation an institution of learning within the bounds of the Asheville District

Resolved, 5. That W. G. Matton, Wesley Bagby, J. M. Welborn, Cyrus Alexander, and Franklin Bradley be and are hereby appointed a commission to locate and put in operation an institution of learning in the central portion of the Conference.

3.—CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

That they have had some applications before them, of which they recommended the case of New Bethany, Uwariah Ct., Greensboro District,

for a donation of $50 to relieve a pressing case of church indebtedness. Which amount was granted by the Parent Society, and the receipts in full of all claims procured.

W. G. MATTON, President.

4.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

WHEREAS, The reports of the several charges of the Blue Ridge Conference indicate great need of an awakening on the subject of Sunday-school work: and as the members of this Conference are to go out from this place to shed light and Scriptural holiness over the land, we should be aroused on this important subject, therefore:

Resolved, 1. That we preach or lecture on the subject of Sunday-schools once a quarter.

Resolved, 2. That each pastor hold a Sunday-school Institute or Convention as soon as practicable, whose buisness it shall be to seek competent teachers and to train others for the work, and to discuss the various means by which this important work may be carried on most successfully.

Resolved, 3. That we will do all in our power to organize and sustain our own Sunday-schools, and urge them to use our Sunday-school literature.

TRACTS.

We regard the circulation of tracts as an important branch of our work, and, therefore:

Resolved, That we will take the collections for tracts and procure and circulate all the tracts possible during the present year.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Believing the Bible to contain the only, and true knowledge of God's gracious purpose whereby man can be saved from under the curse of the broken law, and that its distribution is of great importance in advancing the cause of Christ, therefore:

Resolved, That we will use all our efforts in promoting the study and circulation of the Scriptures among our people, and in obtaining contributions for the American Bible Society.

6.—AUDITORS.

Your Committee having examined the accounts and vouchers of the Presiding Elders find them correct.

The Presiding Elder of the Greensboro District has on hand $25 for Davidson Circuit, which we recommend to be returned to the Missionary Society, and ask the direction of the Conference as to the unexpended appropriation for Snow Camp.

The Eastern District is correct, with the exception of the Banks appointment, concerning which we ask an explanation.

7.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

We have received and distributed as follows:

Received Chartered Fund Draft	$ 30 00
Funds on hand	15 00
Total on hand	45 00
Paid to J. W. Naylor	30 00
Balance on hand	15 00

E. C REECE.
M. C. SMITH.

VIII.—MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT	$ 500 00
Asheville Station	175 00
Asheville Ct	65 00
Hendersonville Ct	50 00
Leicester Ct	60 00
Waynesville Ct	90 00
Pigeon River Ct	70 00
Webster and Highlands	90 00
Murphy Ct	50 00
Transylvania Ct	35 00
	1,210 00

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT	$ 370 00
Boone Ct	25 00
Jefferson Ct. (moving expenses)	25 00
Antioch and Roaring Gap	25 00
Taylorsville Ct	50 00
Wilkesboro Ct.	40 00
Bakersville Ct.	40 00
Catawba Ct.	40 00
	615 00

GREENSBORO DISTRICT	$ 675 00
Forsyth and Guilford Ct	50 00
Davidson Ct	25 00
Snow Camp and Deep River	75 00
Uwariah Ct	50 00
Carried forward	$ 875 00

Brought forword	$ 875 00
Mount Mitchell Ct	50 00
Shiloh Ct	30 00
Gastonia Ct	50 00
Moving expenses	25 00
Mocksville Ct	50 00
Yadkinville Ct	50 00
	1,130 00

Eastern District	$ 370 00
Harkers Island	100 00
Davis Shore	25 00
Straits	25 00
Bogue	25 00
	545 00
Total	$3,500 00

F. M. FANNING, Chairman.
W. G. MATTON, Secretary.

I concur in the foregoing missions and appropriations.
HENRY W. WARREN.

IX. RESOLUTIONS.

1.—CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

Resolved.—That we request the Conference Board of Church Extension, in their action this year, to restrict their endorsement to the enterprise at Asheville.

2.—ON STATISTICS.

Whereas, the Statistics of the Conference are not, generally, kept as correctly as they should be especially in the matter of ministerial support, causing unnecessary labor to the Secretary therefor:

Resolved—That we recommend the Presiding Elder to call attention to the statistics at the last quarterly conference of the year; and, that all the items be examined and the footings approved by the quarterly conference before being reported to the Annual Conference.

And that each Pastor report the number of conversions on the circuit, as well as, those in the Sunday-school.

METHODIST ADVOCATE.

Whereas, The Methodist Advocate is an absolute necessity to the advance of our work in this Conference, and its able Editor, is an important factor in our permanent success.

Therefore resolved 1st; That we endorse the position taken by the

Methodist Advocate on the great moral questions of the day, and heartily appreciate its valuable assistance in our efforts to improve the quality and character of our work.

Resolved 2nd, That we are always glad to greet Dr. Fuller at our sessions, and assure him, that we will use every effort to enlarge the field of his influence by increasing the circulation of the paper among the people.

Resolved, That in view of the danger of losing the invaluable services of the Methodist Advocate, we the members of the Blue Ridge Conference agree to pay the full subscription price for our papers this year.

4.—BISHOP WARREN.

Resolved, That we are delighted with this, the first visit of Bishop Warren to our Conference. His manifest and deep sympathy with our work; his patient and careful consideration of the varied and important interests involved, merit our highest approval and commendation; and his ability in the pulpit and on the platform have won for him the admiration of ourselves and the people We shall be glad to welcome him to our Conference session next year, and at any time in the future that it may suit the Bishops to do us the favor to send him to preside over our body.

5.—THANKS TO CITIZENS.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our hearty thanks to the citizens of Leicester for their generous hospitality toward us.

6.—THANKS TO RAILROADS

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the railroad companies for reduction of fares.

7.—ON CHANGE OF TIME FOR HOLDING CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That we respectfully asks the Bishops to change the time of holding our Conference to the Fall, instead of as at present.

X.—SABBATH AND SPECIAL SERVICES.

The Sabbath services opened with the Conference love-feast at 9 o'clock, conducted by F. M. Fanning.

At 11 o'clock Bishop Warren preached an eloquent and inspiring sermon, from John, iii. 16, after which J. Cole was ordained Deacon.

In the afternoon Dr. Fuller preached on the Inspiration of the Scriptures, from II. Timothy, iii. 12th, when the Bishop, assisted by others, ordained A. F. Creswell and M. W. Broyles as Elders.

At night W. G. Matton preached from Hebrews, x. 12.

On Friday evening a Missionary Meeting was held. An instructive and eloquent address was delivered by Dr. Fuller.

On Saturday evening the Educational and Sunday-school anniversary was held, at which Bishop Warren made a beautiful and stirring

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PROBATIONERS.							MEMBER				
	No. on the roll at the last Conference, and received since.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. rem'ed without Certificate.	No. dropped, withdrawn, or unknown.	No. of Deaths.	No. received into Full Connection	No. on the Roll at the end of this year.	No. received by Certificate	No. received from Probation.	No. removed by Certificate	No. removed without Certificate	No. withdrawn, expelled, or un-
BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT.												
Presiding Elder												
Boon Ct	28				1		18					
Jefferson Ct												
Antioch Ct		2		4	1	5	4	1				
Roaring Gap Ct	40			2		9	40		9			
Taylorsville Ct							2					
Wilkesboro Ct							30					
Yadkinville Ct												
Stone Mountain Ct							59					
Total	68	2		6	2	14	153	1	9			
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.												
Presiding Elder												
Forsyth and Guilford Ct	4			1	2	6			4			
Snow Camp Ct	18	2		2			15				18	
Deep River Ct	6								4	15		
Uwarrah Ct	5					14			14			
Mt. Mitchell Ct	31			7			31	2		13	3	
Shiloh Ct						2	9	2			2	
Gastonia Ct	60			10		19	22		28	1	3	
Mocksville Ct	7											
Total	131	2		20	2	34	77	4	50	29	26	
EASTERN DISTRICT.												
Presiding Elder												
Harkers Island												
Straits												
Banks												
Bogue												
Total												
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.												
Asheville St												
Asheville Ct	3		2				3		3			
Bakersville Ct							8					
Leicester Ct	86			18		3	65	11	3	1		
Hendersonville Ct												
Catawba Ct							50					
Waynesville Ct												
Webster Ct												
Murphy Ct												
Total	89		2	18		3	126	11	6	1		
SUMMARY, 1880. DISTRICTS.												
Blue Ridge	68	2		6	2	14	153	1	9			
Greensboro	131	2		20	2	34	77	4	50	29	26	
Eastern												
Asheville	89		2	18		3	128	11	6	1		
Total	288	4	2	44	4	51	356	16	65	30	26	

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No. of known members at the end of this year.	MINISTERIAL SUP'RT.			PRES'D ELD'R.		BISHOPS.		C. N. CL'M'S	
	Pastor's Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Pastor's Receipts including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Deficiency	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.
	$	$	$	$ 370 00	$ 370 00	$	$	$	$
99	$ 70 00	56 55	13 45	5 00	1 00	2 00			
417	225 00	170 75	114 25	20 00	15 00	5 00			
62	100 00	67 50	32 50				1 00		
193	150 00	125 00	25 00	10 00	8 00				
122	150 00	75 00	75 00	10 00	1 00	2 00			
92	65 00	81 22		5 00	6 50				
		75 00		20 00	4 00				
30		28 50							
10.5	760 00	619 52	261 20	440 00	405 50	9 00	1 00		
	$	$	$	$ 700 00	$ 700 00	$	$	$	$
178	$ 200 00	82 00	118 00	12 00	1 25				
50									
47	250 00	199 00	51 00						
105	200 00	110 00	90 00	12 00	5 25			2 00	
177	200 00	125 66	74 34	12 00	7 25		70		
132	125 00	81 50	43 50				1 00		
175	250 00	168 00	82 00	12 00	3 85		1 75		
200		83 50					25		
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	$	$	$	$ 370 00	$ 370 00	$	$	$	$
		100 00							
		25 00							
		25 00							
		25 00							
		175 00		370 00	370 00				
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
130	125 00	125 00	10 00	20 00	21 00	2 00	50	20 00	
194		20 00							
318	300 00	300 00		40 00	55 00	1 00	1 00	50	
	600 00	250 00					1 00		
370		185 00			20 00				
							1 00		
		175 00			25 00				
1012	1035 00	1055 00	10 00	60 00	121 00	3 00	3 50	20 50	
1015	$ 760 00	$ 544 52	$ 261 20	$ 440 00	$ 405 50	$ 9 00	$ 1 00	$	$
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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP. No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	Bap'ms No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	CHURCH PROPERTY. No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	S. No. of Schools.
BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT.														
District								$		$	$	$	$	
Boon Ct	18	99	2	2	1	4	2	$ 400 00						3
Jefferson Ct	88	417	6	1	5	28	2	600 00						3
Antioch Ct	8	62	2	1	4	6	1	300 00						1
Roaring Gap Ct	40	193	2	1	3	5	2	800 00						4
Taylorsville Ct	2	122	1	2	8	4	2	700 00						1
Wilksboro Ct	50	92	1		5	16	1	200 00						1
Yadkinville Ct	27	265	1				6	500 00						
Stone Mountain Ct	59	39			8	9	1	150 00						1
Total	272	1280	15	7	34	72	17	3150 00						14
Last year	192	1275	11	16	27	63	20	1400 00						15
Increase	80	5	4		7	9		1250 00						
Decrease				9			3							1
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.														
District								$		$	$	$	$	
Forsyth and Guilford Ct	4	168	2	2			4	2000 00						1
Snow Camp Ct	15	50	1	1			2	700 00					10 00	1
Deep River Ct	5	47	2				1	300 00						2
Uwharrie Ct	3	105	2		13		2	850 00	1	150 00	50 00			1
Mt. Mitchell	31	177	2	2	11	1	4	2100 00						3
Shiloh Ct	9	132	2		9	3	4	1600 00						1
Gastonia Ct	22	175		3	10	13	5	1900 00						2
Mocksville Ct	7	200	2	2	2	4	3	1500 00			50			3
Total	96	1054	13	10	46	21	25	10450 00	1	150 00	50 00	50 00	10 00	14
Last Year	60	1113	18	7	52	33	25	11300 00	2	400 00				12
Increase	36			3							50 00	50 00	10 00	2
Decrease		59	5		6	12		850 00	1	250 00				
EASTERN DISTRICT.														
District								$		$	$	$	$	
Harkers Island	8	53	1	2	3		1	3000 00						1
Straits	3	75	1	1	8	2	1	1500 00						1
Banks	11	30			1	4								
Bogue	8	47	2		7	4	1	250 00						1
Total	30	207	4	3	19	10	3	4750 00						3
Last Year	81	175	7	6	40	33	2	4500 00						4
Increase		32					1	250 00						
Decrease	51		3	3	21	23								1
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.														
Asheville St	5	13						$		$	$	$	$	
Asheville Ct	3	130	1		3		2	800 00						3
Bakersville Ct	8	194	1				1	150 00						
Leicester Ct	65	318	1		6	3	3	1400 00			400 00			2
Hendersonville Ct	50	375	2				4	2500 00			100 00			4
Catawba Ct	50	357	2			4	4	600 00						3
Waynesville Ct	25	393	4				5	1200 00	1	300 00				
Webster Ct	27	345	2	2	3	5	3	1000 00						
Murphy Ct	31	156	4				4	400 00						1
Total	259	2031	17	2	12	12	26	8850 00	1	300 00	500 00			13
SUMMARY. DISTRICT TOTALS.														
Blue Ridge	273	1280	15	7	34	72	17	$ 3150 00		$	$	$	$	14
Greensboro	96	1054	13	10	46	21	25	10450 00	1	150 00	50 00	50 00	10 00	14
Eastern	30	207	4	3	19	10	3	4750 00						3
Asheville	259	2034	17	2	12	12	26	8850 00	1	300 00	500 00			13
Grand total	658	4575	49	22	111	115	71	27200 00	2	450 00	550 00	50 00	10 00	44

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS											MIN SUP'T.		
FOR MISSIONS.													
From Churches	From Sunday-schools.	Total.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Tract Society.	For Sunday-school Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	Other Collections.	For Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Current Expenses (sexton, gas, Sunday schools, etc).
$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 370 00	$	$
											57 55		
1 75		1 75									122 00		
1 50		1 50		30	15	80					75 00		
1 55		1 55									132 00		
											76 00		
1 70		1 70									87 72		
											75 00		
											28 50		
6 50		6 50		30	15	80					1028 77		
19 66	2 00	21 76		2 28		40							
					15	40							
13 26	2 00	15 26		1 98									
$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 700 00	$	$
3 80		3 80									83 25		
											250 00		
2 75		2 75	50	50	10	25	35	25	25		115 35		
1 50		1 50		50							133 50		
9 60		9 60		1 4	75	41	50	80			76 00		
6 39		6 39		50	30	25	10	10			169 75		
7 00		7 00		2 25	1 75	1 00	1 25	1 25	50		83 75		
3 00	10	3 10		10	10	10			10				
34 04	10	34 14	50	5 25	2 90	2 01	2 20	2 40	85		1611 56		
14 75	1 50	16 35	2 00	4 60	1 70	1 70	1 35	1 60	1 35				
19 29		17 79		1 25	1 80	31	85	80					
	1 40		1 50						50				
$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 370 00	$	$
80		80									100 00		
1 30		1 30									25 00		
											25 00		
40		40									25 00		
2 50		2 50									545 00		
2 50		2 50											
$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 147 00	$	$
2 00	50	2 50	50	2 00	60	3 50					20 00		
12 00		12 00	1 00	5 00		1 00				40	341 00		
1 30		1 30									185 01		
2 00		2 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00				220 00		
											235 00		
17 30	50	17 80	2 50	8 00	60	5 50	1 00			40	1048 00		
$ 6 50	$	$ 6 50	$	$ 30	$ 15	80	$	$	$	$	$1027 77	$	$
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MINUTES

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I.--ORGANIZATION.

PRESIDENT—REV. BISHOP R. S. FOSTER, D.D., L L.D.

Secretary—REV. W. G. MATTON.

Assistant—REV. M. C. SMITH.

COMMITTEES, 1882.

1. *Public Worship*—W G. Matton, T. Clayton.
2. *Temperance*—J. M. Welborn, J. N. Barker, J. G. Trull.
3. *To Audit Accounts*—W. M. Bagby, M. C. Smith, M. W. Broyles.
4. *On Conference Relations*—J. D. Roberson, A. F. Creswell, J. M. Welborn.
5. *On Missions*—The Presiding Elders and A. F. Creswell, D. M. Clayton and W. M. Bagby.
6. *Education*—A. F. Creswell, W. M. Bagby, J. D. Roberson.
7. *Sunday Schools and Tracts*—M. C. Smith, M. W. Broyles, Dr. Ford.
8. *Conference Stewards*—M. C. Smith, A. F. Creswell, J. G. Trull.
9. *Bible Cause*—J. N. Barker, D. M. Clayton, J. D. Roberson.
10. *Post Offices*—T. Clayton.
11. *Freedmen's Aid*—A. F. Creswell, T. Clayton, W. Rawlings.
12. *On Publication of Minutes*—W. M. Bagby and A. F. Creswell.
13. *On Memoirs*—J. D. Roberson, A. F. Creswell.
14. *To Arrange for Next Session*—J. D. Roberson, W. T. Ford, W. M. Bagby.

II.--STANDING COMMITTEES.

For Admission on Trial—M. C. Smith, J. N. Barker.
First Year—W. M. Bagby, M. W. Broyles.
Second " —A. F. Creswell, J. M. Welborn.
Third " —W. Rawlings, W. F. Parker.
Fourth " —J. D. Roberson, W. G. Matton.

To Examine Local Preachers for Orders—Presiding Elder and Preacher in Charge.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon—J. D. Roberson; Alternate, W. M. Bagby.

Conference Board of Church Extension.

President—J. D. Roberson. *Vice-President*—J. N. Barker.
Secretary—W. T. Ford. *Treasurer*—W. M. Bagby.

Managers—C. W. Alexander. Isaac Morris, F. Bradley, A. Cook, J. D. Redwine.

Triers of Appeal.

W. Rawlings, J. N. Barker, W. F. Parker, W. M. Bagby, J. F. Woodfin, A. F. English, A. F. Creswell.

Visitors to Brown Seminary.

W. G. Matton, J. D. Roberson, J. F. Woodfin.

III.--DAILY RECORD.

FIRST DAY.

January 19th, 1882.

The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its third session on Thursday, the 19th of January, 1882, at 9 o'clock a.m. (in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Asheville, N. C., which was kindly placed at our disposal) Bishop R. S. Foster, D.D., LL.D., presiding. Services were opened by W. G. Matton, who read the 12th chapter of Romans; the 798th hymn was sung and prayer offered.

The Sacrement of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by brother Welborn and Matton.

The roll was called by the Secretary of last session, a number of the brethern were absent.

On motion W. G. Matton was elected Secretary and M. C. Smith assistant. The time for opening and closing the session was fixed. Commencing at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer meeting, and closing at 12:30 p.m.

On motion W. Rawlings and A. F. Creswell were appointed a committee to nominate Conference Committees.

Communications from the Book Committee, the Board of Church Extension, the Board of Education, the Freedmen's Aid Society and the Book Agents on the subject of Dividends to Annual Conferences enclosing draft for $24.26, also on the subject of Episcopal Fund, were all read and on motions referred to appropriate committees. The Conference Bar was fixed.

The report of Conference Board of Church Extension was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on that interest. W. G. Matton presented some recommendations from Asheville District Conference. The first was referred to the cabinet. The second asking that Leicester, Hender-

sonville, and Pigeon River Circuits, be declared self-supporting, was on motion adopted. The third was referred to the Committee on Education.

The fourth, asking an addition of one pastor from each district, to the Committee on Missions was adopted. The committee to nominate, reported the conference committees for 1882, which were on motion, elected.

The commission appointed at last session, to confer with the South Carolina Conference, on the subject of boundaries reported through W. G. Matton, who read copy of a letter sent by them to the South Carolina Conference, and some correspondence from members of that body.

Bishop Foster stated his ruling in the South Carolina Conference on the subject, "That the commission was not authorized by the Discipline;" but that he had determined to supply the work in question, with preachers from this conference, and called upon Drs. Fuller and Ford, to give some account of the work which they did. The Secretary called attention to the fact that we have no Conference Missionary Society and offered a resolution on the subject. 10 o'clock to morrow morning was fixed for its organization. Rev. Mr. Akers and Rev. Dr. Keith of the Methodist Episcopal Church South were introduced to Conference.

M. C. Smith was appointed to take charge of the New York Book Concern Accounts.

On motion a committee of three were appointed to make all the arrangements for our next session. The first question was taken up, when the Bishop announced the transfer of Wily F. Parker and W. T. Ford from the South Carolina Conference to ours.

The 20th question was called, when the character of W. G. Matton was passed and he read a report of the Asheville District.

The decease of brother F. M. Fanning was reported and a committee were appointed to prepare a memoir.

A. F. Creswell's character passed, and he reported his work on the Pigeon River Circuit.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, committees were called, notices were given and the conference adjourned by singing the Doxolygy. Benediction by Dr. Fuller.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, January 20th, 1882.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour, Bishop Foster in the chair. The prayer meeting was conducted by A. F. Creswell. The journal of yesterday was read and approved. The roll was called, when some further responses were made.

The order of business fixed yesterday was taken up, when on motion of the Secretary J. N. Barker, W. Rawlings and J. M. Welborn were appointed a committee to prepare a plan for organization of the Conference Missionary Society.

The regular minute business was resumed on the 20th question, when the character of J. M. Welborn passed and he reported his district.

J. G. Trull's character passed and he gave an account of his work on the Catawba Circuit.

J. D. Roberson's character passed and he reported the work on the Greensboro District.

C. G. Demming's name was called when attention was called to some complaint made by Bishop Warren. The Presiding Elder stated that the brother had written him the matter was arranged, but it appearing that Bishop Warren was not satisfied, the Secretary was directed to prepare a charge against him which was referred to his Presiding Elder for investigation.

W. M. Bagby reported his circuit as flourishing.

J. N. Barker's character passed and he reported his work.

W. Rawling's character passed and he gave a detailed account of the work on the coast.

By request the Secretary informed the Bishop and Conference of the origin and early history of our coast work.

Rev. J. Atkins, President of Asheville Female College, and Rev. J. Dixon, pastor of the Baptist Church, were introduced.

The third question was called, when J. F. West's character passed, and after reports from Presiding Elder and committee, he was continued in the first year.

J. C. Reece was called, when his Presiding Elder reported

him as having left the work, and on motion he was discontinued.

F. M. Pressly's character passed, he reported his work, and the committee and his P. E. having reported, he was continued in the first year.

J. R. Cannon's character passed, he reported his work, and the committee and his Presiding Elder having reported favorably, he was advanced to the second year.

The eighteenth question was taken up, when Thomas Sharpe, being reported by Dr. Coleman, of Milwaukee District, Wisconsin Conference, his character passed, he was continued a supernumerary.

T. W. Matney, pursuant to notice given at last session, was, on motion, located.

A. F. English's character passed, and he was continued a supernumerary.

The nineteenth question was taken up, when J. W. Naylor's character passed. A report from him was read and his relation was continued.

J. F. Woodfin's character passed, and the Presiding Elder having reported, he was continued.

The thirty-second question was re-opened, when T. Clayton's character passed, and the committee and Presiding Elder having reported favorably, he was advanced.

Rev. H. Green, of the North Carolina Conference, was introduced. Committees were called. Notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by J. D. Ford.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, January 21st, 1882.

The Conference convened at the usual hour. Bishop Foster in the chair. The prayer meeting was in charge of W. M. Bagby. The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The roll was called, and on motion of the Secretary, the further calling was dispensed with.

W. M. Bagby's name was again called, when the committee and Presiding Elder having reported, he was dismissed from the classes.

M. W. Broyles was called, when some complaint being

made as to his conduct during the prohibition canvass, on motion a committee of inquiry was ordered, consisting of J. N. Barker, J. G. Truk and A. F. Creswell.

M. C. Smith reported his circuit, and the committee and the Presiding Elder having reported favorably, he was advanced.

A preamble and resolutions were offered on the subject of prohibition, and some remarks made upon them by W. G. Matton, M. W. Broyles, J. D. Roberson, and T. Clayton also spoke to them. The paper was unanimously adopted, after which the Bishop made some remarks defining the church's position on the subject.

On motion, the Committee on Missions were requested to bring in their report at an early hour.

The fifteenth question was called, when the class was called and addressed by Bishop Foster, who set forth the office and work of the Christian ministry in its varied duties and responsibilities, with great force and beauty. The address was listened to with great attention by all present. The Bishop strongly emphasized the absolute necessity of those who are truly called of God, to devote the whole of their time to the work, and affirmed this would render possible the mastery of real power, and a fair scholarship.

The disciplinary questions were asked, and answered satisfactorily, when D. M. Clayton was received into full connection in the Conference.

T. P. Hampton and T. F. Roberson were discontinued.

The tenth question was taken up, when, on the recommendation of Asheville District Conference, and favorable reports from the committee and his Presiding Elder, Thomas Clayton was elected to Local Deacon's Orders.

On recommendation of the same District Conference and the presentation of his parchments, and he having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, J. H. Sutherland was recognized as a Local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Brother J. H. Ketron, principal of Brown Seminary, at Leicester, was introduced, and made a short address on the progress of that institution.

The Committee on Public Worship made their appointments. Notices were given, and the Conference adjourned with the Doxology. Benediction by Bishop Foster.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, January 23d, 1882.

The Conference met at 9:30 A.M., Bishop Foster, presiding. Prayer meeting was led by Brother J. G. Trull. The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The committee on the case of M. W. Broyles reported, and the committee of the Fourth Year and the Presiding Elder having reported, his character passed, and he was dismissed from the classes.

The second question was taken up. Asheville District Conference recommended William Ward. The Examining Committee reported favorably. His case was discussed at some length, when, by advice of the Bishop, the Presiding Elder asked leave to withdraw the application, which was done.

The Blue Ridge District Conference recommended W. Q. A. Graham, and the Committee of Examination and the Presiding Elder having reported favorably, he was admitted on trial in the Conference.

On recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Jefferson Circuit, and the favorable report of the committee and Presiding Elder, Adolphus Graybeal was admitted on trial in the Conference.

On recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Taylorsville Circuit, and the Presiding Elder and committee having favorably reported, J. W. P. Barker was also admitted on trial in the Conference.

The Bishop informed the young men of their admission, and added some kindly and wise counsel as to their future course.

The thirty-third question was called, and on invitation of Gastonia, the Conference decided to hold our next session at that place.

On invitation, Dr. Fuller addressed the Conference in the interests of the *Methodist Advocate* and the general work.

After which W. G. Matton offered a preamble and resolutions on the *Methodist Advocate*, and made some eulogistic remarks in support. They were adopted.

The Bishop presented a certificate of ordination.

The Conference ordered a draft upon the chartered fund for $30.

The reports of collections, by circuits, was called for by the Bishop, who made some remarks instructing the brethren, as to their personal responsibility in the matter, affirming the Church's effort in the South to be designed as an assistant in the uplifting of the people into an earnest spirit of manly independence and Christian enterprise, stating his purpose to require a report from the Presiding Elders in November next of the amounts raised on the circuits for all benevolences and ministerial support. When if less than 100 per cent. increase is reported he should advocate the discontinuance of all appropriations of missionary money to the delinquent work.

The standing committees were announced.

The Triers of Appeals and Conference Board of Church Extension were elected.

The Secretary moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at three o'clock this afternoon. The motion was adopted.

Notice was given, and the Conference adjourned with the Doxology. Benediction by J. B. Ford.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, January 23d, 1882.

AFTERNOON.

Conference met at the appointed hour. Bishop Foster in the chair. Religious services were by W. F. Parker.

The journal of the morning session was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by the Secretary, and on motion, adopted. The Bishop explained some changes.

Brother Creswell read a report of Brown Seminary, and of the Committee on Education, which were, on motion, adopted. He also offered a resolution endorsing the institution, which was adopted.

The statistics were read by the Assistant Secretary, and after some remarks by W. G. Matton, explanatory of Asheville District, they were, on motion, adopted.

The Committee on Bible cause reported. On motion, their report was adopted.

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society offered a report, which was adopted.

The Auditors reported, and asked an explanation of the Eastern District, which was given by Brother Rawlings, who called upon the Secretary for some statements as to purchase of a sailboat, which were given. It was directed that the ownership of the boat be transferred to the Conference, which was done, and the receipt put on file. The report was then adopted.

A. F. Creswell offered a resolution asking for a change of time for holding our Conference, which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported, and on motion it was adopted.

Resolutions of thanks to the pastor and members of the M. E. Church was offered by M C. Smith. W. G. Matton made some remarks upon it and the very generous character of the offer, after which the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Wm. G. Matton offered a plan for taking the General Conference Collection, which was, on motion, adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported. On motion the report was adopted.

Resolutions of thanks to Bishop Foster and J. B. Ford were adopted by unanimous rising vote.

The Secretary offered a resolution ordering 500 copies of the Minutes, which was adopted. At the request of the committee the roll was called and subscriptions were taken for them.

The Conference Stewards reported. On motion, their report was adopted.

A resolution of thanks to the citizens of Asheville for kind and generous hospitalities, was offered and adopted by a rising vote.

The twenty-sixth question was opened, when at his own request J. G. Trull was granted a location.

A committee to apportion the amounts asked of this Conference by the General Conference Societies, was ordered, consisting of the Presiding Elders with instructions to report the Secretary, for insertion in the Minutes.

The committee to prepare plan for Conference Missionary

Society, presented a report, which was adopted, and ordered filed in Report Book.

A collection for the sexton was taken up.

The Committee on Memoirs read an interesting report of Brother F. M. Fanning. Some remarks were made by W. G. Matton when the report was adopted.

The journal was read and adopted.

Bishop Foster briefly addressed the Conference, and led in prayer. The appointments were read, when the Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

IV.--APPOINTMENTS.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, W. G. MATTON, Asheville.

Circuit.	Name.	Post Office.	County.	State.
1. Asheville Station	T. Clayton	Asheville	Buncombe	North Carolina
2. Asheville Circuit	J. R. Cannon	Weaverville	"	"
3. Hendersonville Circuit	W. Rawlings	Arden	"	"
4. Leicester Circuit	D. M. Clayton	Leicester	"	"
5. Pigeon River Circuit	R. M. Witt	Pigeon Valley	Haywood	"
6. Murphy Circuit	To be supplied			
7. Clay Circuit	To be supplied by J. A. Matherson	Hayesville		
8. Webster and Highlands	M. C. Smith	Highland	Macon	North Carolina
" " "	J. W. P. Barker	Highland		"
9. Spartanburg	J. E. West	Spartanburg		South Carolina
10. Rich Mountain Mission	A. F. Creswell & Agt, of Brown Seminary	Leicester	Buncombe	North Carolina

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, J. M. WELBORN, Trap Hill, N. C.

1. Boone Circuit	To be supplied			
2. Antioch and Roaring Gap	W. Q. A. Graham	Trap Hill	Wilkes	North Carolina
3. Wilksboro Circuit	To be supplied			
4. Jefferson Circuit	M. W. Broyles	Mouth of Buffalo	Ashe	
5. Bakersville Circuit	To be supplied			
6. Catawba Circuit	F. M. Presley			
7. Stone Mountain Mission	To be supplied			

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, J. D. ROBERSON, Gipsey, Henderson Co., N. C.

1. Forsythe and Guilford	W. F. Parker			
2. Snow Camp & Deep River	To be supplied			
3. Mt. Mitchell & Uwariah	W. M. Bagby	Concord	Carburrus	North Carolina
Two to be supplied				
4. Shiloh Circuit	Supplied by L. D. Clark	China Grove	Carburrus	North Carolina
5. Gastonia Circuit	W. T. Ford	Gastonia	Gaston	"
6. Mocksville & Gaskinsville	J. N. Barker and A. Graybeal	New Hope	Iredell	
7. Harker's Island	To be supplied			

V.--Missionary Appropriations, 1882.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	$ 450 00
Asheville Station	390 00
Asheville Circuit	40 00
Spartanburg Circuit	50 00
Webster and Highlands	75 00
Assistant	50 00
Murphy Circuit	30 00
Clay Circuit	30 00
Rich Mountain Mission	100 00
	$1,215 00

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	$ 370 00
Boone Circuit	25 00
Antioch and Roaring Gap	25 00
Wilkesboro Circuit	40 00
Bakersville Circuit	40 00
Catawba Circuit	40 00
Stone Mountain Mission	25 00
	$ 565 00

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	$ 400 00
Forsythe and Guilford	50 00
Snow Camp and Deep River	100 00
Mount Mitchell	90 00
Assistant	40 00
Shiloh Circuit	30 00
Gastonia Circuit	60 00
Mocksville and Yadkin	60 00
Assistant	40 00
Harker's Island and Straits	450 00
	$1,320 00

VI.--RECAPITULATION.

Question 1. Who are received by transfer? T. Clayton, from Philadelphia, and W. F. Parker and W. T. Ford, from South Carolina Conference.

Question 2. Who are admitted on trial? W. Q. A. Graham, J. W. P. Barker and A. Graybeal.

Question 3. Who remain on trial? J. R. Cannon, J. F. West, F. M. Presley.

Question 4. Who are discontinued? T. P. Hampton, T. F. Roberson, E. C. Reece.

Question 5. Who are received into full connection? D. M. Clayton.

Question 6. Who are readmitted? None.

Question 7. Who are received on credentials? None.

Question 8. None.

Question 9. None.

Question 10.–11. What local preachers have been elected and ordained deacons? T. Clayton.

Question 12. Who are the traveling Deacons of the first-class? D. M. Clayton.

Question 13. Who are the traveling Deacons of the second-class? M. C. Smith.

Question 15–16–17. None.

Question 18. Who are the supernumary preachers? T. Sharpe, A. F. English.

Question 19. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. W. Nayor, J. F. Woodfin.

Question 20. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly attended to.

Question 21. Have any died? F. M. Fanning.

Question 22–23 None.

Question 24. Have any been located at their own request? J. G. Trull.

Question 25. Have any been located?

Question 26–27. None.

Question 28. Who are elected Triers of Appeals? (See Chap.)

Question 29. What is the Statistical Report, for this Conference year? (See Chap.)

Question 30. What are the claims on the Conference Fund? $25.00.

Question 31. What has been received and how applied? (See Report of Conference Stewards.)

Question 32. Where are the Preachers stationed? (See Appointment Chap.)

Question 33. Where shall the next Conference be held? Gastonia.

VII.--REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Beg to report—

That two applications for aid have been presented to them and endorsed.

The first from Asheville for $1,000, which was favorably considered and subsequently granted by the Parent Society partly by donation and partly by loan.

An application from Highlands was also presented and being considered highly important and deserving, was also endorsed, but retained in the hands of our Secretary to be presented to the Parent Society immediately after this session. The last session having instructed the Conference Board to confine their endorsement to Asheville for the past year.

WM. G. MATTON, Vice President.
M. C. SMITH, Secretary.

Asheville, October 28th, 1881.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

The Commission appointed at the last Session, to confer with South Carolina Conference on the subject of boundaries

Beg to report—

That in view of the uncertainty of their reception they did not visit the South Carolina Conference but communicated to that body the fact of their appointment and requested them to take action therein. Annexed is a copy of the letter, sent, together with some correspondence on the subject.

And your Commission respectfully suggest that the Commission be continued, or another be appointed.

WM. G. MATTON, Chairman.

N. B. The papers referred to above are on file with the Conference papers. SECRETARY.

COMMITTEE TO APPORTION.

The committee to apportion the various amounts asked from this Conference for 1882, recommended the following distribution, viz:

	For Missions.	For Ch. Extension.	For Episcopal Fund.	For Freedmen's Aid.
Asheville Dist....	$150 00	$25 00	$25 00	$20 00
Greensboro "	130 00	15 00	13 00	16 00
Blue Ridge "	120 00	10 00	12 00	14 00
	$400 00	$50 00	$50 00	$50 00

And we further recommend that the amount apportioned to each district, be divided among the circuits at the first Quarterly Meeting by the Presiding Elders, according to the membership.

W. G. MATTON,
J. M. WELBORN,
J. D. ROBERSON.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Believing the Bible to contain the only and true knowledge of God's gracious purpose whereby man can be saved from under the curse of the broken law, and that its distribution is of very great importance in advancing the cause of Christ and the enlargement of his kingdom: Therefore,

Resolved, That we will use all our efforts in promoting the study and circulation of the Scriptures among our people, and in obtaining contributions for the American Bible Society.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee are more than ever impressed that intemperance is the great evil of our day, and the principal cause of the poverty, wretchedness and crime which so terribly abound, and that in defiance of the efforts made to restrain by license laws and moral option. We reaffirm the position taken at our last session, and repeat that in our judgment no remedy short of total abstinance by the individual, and prohibition by the State, offers any hope of permanent reform; fully recognizing the great truths set forth in our Discipline. "That temperance is distinctively a christian virtue, and that the *use* of all alcoholic beverages

is neither useful nor safe. We rejoice that these truths have been generally advocated by our sister churches, in the effort made to procure the passage of the Prohibitory Act, which, although it was killed by a majority of the voters of the State, is not buried so deep but may have a resurrection at no very distant day. Therefore,

Resolved, That we the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, will do all we can to suppress intemperance publicly and privately; and at the ballot box; and endeavor to enforce the rules of our Discipline, believing that only by so doing, we can save the church and State from the blighting influence of intemperance.

EDUCATION.

Your committee are deeply impressed with the importance of the subject; and realize the necessity of making increased effort to secure the attention of the people to its great value, and awakening greater interest in the matter. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will take every opportunity of urging upon our people to give their children the best educational advantages within their reach, and that we will preach on the subject and earnestly endeavor to create interest in the church's work in this department.

Resolved 2d, That we are grateful to the committee appointed by the last session, for the energy and success in establishing a school at Leicester, which we heartly commend to the patronage of our people.

Resolved 3d, That we will render the agent every assistance in our power, in raising funds for the relief of the Trustees who have so nobly assumed the responsibility of advancing the means to complete the purchase of the property at Leicester.

The report of the Trustees appended, is on file.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, the prosperity, growth and development of the church largely depend upon the training of the rising generation, in the principles of christianity; and as this can

be best attained by earnest, persistent effort in the Sunday School, Therefore,

Resolved, That we will preach at each of our appointments on the object and work of the Sunday School.

Resolved 2d, That we will call a meeting of the Sunday School Committee at each appointment, where this is practicable and organize Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools, and that we request the Presiding Elders to organize each district into a Sunday School Institute.

Resolved 3d, That we will endeavor to introduce our church literature into the schools of our circuits, and that we will take a collection for the Sunday School Union at each of all our appointments.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

The Committee beg to report that having examined the complaint against M. W. Broyles, we believe there is no ground for the further arrest of his character. He having acknowledged that he was in error, and given us assurance of his devotion to the cause of Prohibition. We therefore recommend the passage of his character.

AUDITORS.

Your Committee have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Presiding Elders, and find them correct with the exception of the Eastern District, concerning which we ask an explanation.

The Presiding Elder of Greensboro District has $18.75 unused from Davidson Circuit, which we direct be returned to the Missionary Society.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Whereas, the Freedman's Aid Society is doing a great and good work in the South, in elevating the standard of education among freedmen, and is also giving aid to such needy schools among the white people as its income will permit.

And whereas, The Society earnestly appeals to the church for enlarged liberality.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to bring this cause to

the attention of our people and try to raise the amount appropriated to our circuits.

XI.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

There were no funds on hand at the beginning of the session.

We have received from the Secretary—

Dividends of Book Concern profits	$24 26	
Chartered Fund draft	30 00	
Paid to J. W. Naylor		$25 00
Balance subject to order of the Conference		29 26
	$54 26	$54 26

M. C. SMITH,
A. F. CRESWELL.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHU			
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	
Blue Ridge District.										
1. Bone Circuit	7	179	2	...	2	6	3	$ 600 00	...	
2. Jefferson Ct	108	393	6	2	1	21	3	1,500 00	...	
3. Antioch and Roaring Gap Ct	8	244	3	...	.....	25	2	300 00	...	
4. Taylorsville Ct	8	152	1	1	2	.....	3	600 00	...	
5. Wilksboro Ct	37	166	2	...	.....	68	1	200 00	...	
6. Bakersville Ct	40	166	1	2	2	.....	...	.....	...	
7. Catawba Ct	43	329	2	...	.....	.....	4	1,000 00	...	
8. Stone Mountain Mission	34	92	.....	...	11	28	2	300 00	...	
Total	285	1,641	17	5	18	148	18	$ 4,600 00	...	
Last Year	272	1,280	15	7	34	72	17	$ 3,150 00	...	
Increase	13	361	2	...	.....	76	1	145 00	...	
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	2	16	.....	...	.....	...	
Greensboro District.										
1. Forsyth and Guilford Circuit	5	171	2	3	.....	2	4	$ 2 000 00	...	
2. Snow Camp and Deep River Ct	3	53	2	...	22	2	5	1,600 00	...	
3. Moriah Ct	17	131	4	2	5	.....	2	1,000 00	...	
4. Mt. Mitchell Ct	19	190	4	...	13	2	4	2 300 00	...	
5. Shiloh Ct	2	130	2	...	11	.....	4	2,000 00	...	
6. Gastonia Ct	20	169	1	...	22	1	5	2,600 00	...	
7. Mocksville Ct	8	150	3	...	5	8	4	1 000 00	...	
8. Yadkinville Ct	15	247	3	3	1	2	6	500 00	...	
Total	89	1,261	21	8	79	18	34	$13,000 00	...	
Last Year	96	1 054	13	10	46	21	25	$10,550 00	...	
Increase	.....	207	8	...	33	3	9	3,'50 00	...	
Decrease	7	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	...	.....	...	
Eastern District.										
1. Harker's Island	8	54	.....	...	.....	.....	1	$ 3 000 00	...	
2 Banks	7	34	.....	...	2	.....	...	.....	...	
3 Straits	1	77	1	...	2	4	1	1,500 00	...	
4. Bogue	3	52	2	1	9	4	1	250 00	...	
Total	19	217	3	1	13	8	3	$ 4,750 00	...	
Last Year	30	207	4	3	19	10	3	$ 4,75 00	...	
Increase	.....	10	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	
Decrease	11	.....	1	2	6	2	...	.....	...	
Asheville District.										
1. Asheville Station	1	8	.....	1	.....	.....	...	$	...	
2. Asheville Circuit	7	93	2	1	.....	.....	1	400 00	...	
3. Hendersonville Ct	50	262	2	1	3	5	4	2,500 00	...	
4. Leicester Ct	50	229	1	...	.....	.....	2	1,200 00	...	
5. Waynesville Ct	27	149	1	2	.....	.....	...	300 00	...	
6. Pigeon River Ct	15	250	2	1	8	1	6	2,000 00	...	
7. Webster and Highlands Ct	17	155	2	...	6	7	...	.....	...	
8. Transylvania Ct	.....	71	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	
9. Murphy Ct	30	156	3	...	.....	.....	4	500 00	...	
Total	179	1,376	13	5	17	9	17	$ 6,800 00	...	
Last Year	259	2,034	17	2	12	12	26	$ 8,850 00	...	
Increase	.....	.....	.....	3	5	.....	...	.....	...	
Decrease	62	658	4	...	.....	3	9	2,050 00	...	

Totals by Districts.										
Blue Ridge District	285	1,641	17	5	18	148	8	$ 4 600 00	...	
Greensboro District	89	1,261	21	8	79	18	34	13,000 00	...	
Eastern District	19	217	3	1	13	8	3	4 750 00	...	
Asheville District	197	1,376	13	5	17	9	17	6 800 00	...	
Grand Total	590	4,495	56	19	127	193	72	$18,750 00	...	

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PROBATIONERS							MEMBERS.							
	No. on the Roll at last Conference and Received since.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed with-out Certificate.	No. Dropped, Withdrawn or Unknown.	No. of Deaths.	No. Received into Full Connection.	No. on the Roll at the end of this year.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Received from Probation.	No. Removed by Certificate.	No. Removed with-out Certificate.	No. Withdrawn, Expelled or Unknown.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Known Members at the end of this year.	
Blue Ridge District.															
Presiding Elder															$
1. Bone Circuit	25					12	13	2	12					119	
2. Jefferson Ct	138			6		25	45		25			4		393	
3. Antioch and Roaring Gap Ct	46			7		31	8		31		1	2		224	
4. Taylorsville Ct	3						8			2		1	1	152	
5. Wilksboro Ct	106			10		86	30		86					166	
6. Bakersville Ct	56			20		15	40	12	15			20		166	
7. Catawba Ct	70			5			33							329	
8. Stone Mountain Ct	34						34							92	
Total	537			49		169	228	14	169	2	1	27	1	1,641	$
Last Year	68	2		6	2	14	153	1	9					1,015	$
Increase	469			43		155	75	13	160	2	1	27	1	625	
Decrease		2			2										
Greensboro District.															
Presiding Elder															$
1. Forsyth and Guilford Circuit	4	1		1	3	5	6	1	4	1			3	176	
2. Snow Camp and Deep River Ct	24						3							53	
3. Uwarian Ct	14					7	7	23	7			2	2	130	
4. Mt. Mitchell Ct	53			5		19	29	20	19			8		182	
5. Shiloh Ct	11		4	3		2	2	2	2	2		12		138	
6. Gastonia Ct	33			3		10	20		10	7				169	
7. Mocksville Ct	15					7	8		7	6				150	
8. Yadkinville Ct	24			7		2	15		2		8	9	3	247	
Total	178	1	4	19	3	52	89	46	51	16	8	31	8	1,245	$
Last Year	131	2		20	2	34	77	4	50	29	16	26	8	1,064	$
Increase	47		4		1	18	12	42	1					181	
Decrease		1		1						13	18				
Eastern District.															
Presiding Elder															$
1. Hatteras Island	8						8			1				54	
2. Banks	4						7		4					84	
3. Straits	2					2	1							77	
4. Bogue	5						3						1	52	
Total	19					2	19		4	1			1	217	$
Last Year															$
Increase	19					2	19		4	1			1	217	
Decrease															
Asheville District.															
Presiding Elder															$
1. Asheville Station	1						1	1			3		1	8	
2. Asheville Circuit	9					2	7		2	1	1		1	96	
3. Leicester Ct	32					2	30		2		5			249	
4. Waynesville Ct	9						9	3		1	2		1	152	
5. Pigeon River Ct	5					5	15		2	1			1	250	
6. Webster and Highlands Ct	35			2		4	17	7	1	1	2	2		155	
7. Transylvania Ct														71	
8. Murphy Ct															
9. Hendersonville Ct	8			1		7	50		7	2		1	1	202	
Total	109			3		20	120	11	14	6	13	3	5	1,224	$
Last Year	89		2	18		3	126	11	6	1				1,012	$
Increase	20					17			8	5	13	3	5	212	
Decrease			2	15			6								

SUMMARY OF

Totals by Districts.															
Blue Ridge District	537			49		169	228	14	169	2	1	27	1	1,641	$
Greensboro District	178	1	4	19	3	52	89	46	51	16	8	31	8	1,245	
Eastern District	19					2	19		4	1			1	217	
Asheville District	109			3		20	120	11	14	6	13	3	5	1,224	
Grand Total	843	1	4	71	3	243	456	71	238	25	22	61	15	4,327	$

XII.—MEMOIRS.

FRANCIS M. FANNING was born in Mercer County, Virginia, about the year 1812. In the sixteenth year of his age he was born of the Spirit, and his life labors and heavenly mindedness through a long and active ministry, abundantly attest the genuineness of his conversion. He was licensed to preach at the Quarterly Conference of Giles Circuit on the 13th of August, 1836. Entered the itinerancy in 1837, and was ordained Deacon at Asheville, North Carolina, by Bishop Morris, December 9th, 1840, and Elder by Bishop Waugh, at Knoxville, Tenn., October 9th, 1842. For nearly forty five years he was actively engaged in preaching the glorious Gospel of Christ, and for forty two or three years he did the work of an itinerant, with all the zeal and energy of his earnest character. About half of his itinerant life was spent in the Presiding Eldership. He was a member of the General Conference held at Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1872.

Once he obtained a certificate of location, but with a profound impression of his Divine call to the ministry and with a spirit on fire for the Master's glory and the salvation of mankind, he was miserable out of the work, and not more than half the year had passed, when he gave up the business of agriculture, and again entered upon the Lord's work on a mission in South Carolina; and from that time forth for thirty-nine years he never failed to recive an appointment and cultivate it as a laborer that needeth not to be ashamed. Though born and trained in the South he was all his life opposed to slavery. As soon as the Methodist Episcopal church returned to the South he was among the first to re-enter her ranks and did more perhaps than any other to re-establish the church of his choice in Western North Carolina. He outlived much of the opposition he once met. He took great delight in reading the Scriptures, and had memorized much of the devotional parts. He engaged in prayer eight times a day. As a preacher he united many elements of a model pulpit speaker. He was ready, fluent and correct, blending clearness, force, logic and pathos. He returned from the burial of his loved companion March 12th, and took his bed which he never left, until he went to heaven on the 1st of April, 1881. His remains were laid in the graveyard of Fanning's Chapel, which stands as a monument at the head of the noble veteran's grave.

J. D. ROBERSON,
A. F. CRESWELL. } Committee.

IX.--SPECIAL SERVICES.

On Thursday night a temperance meeting was held, at which addresses were made by Drs. Fuller and Ford.

On Friday night Bishop Foster gave an interesting address on the missionary plans of the church, sharply criticising the meagre returns of our Conference, and the evident lack of the missionary spirit among us.

Saturday night was occupied by addresses from Dr. Ford, on the subject of Church Extension, and Dr. Fuller, on the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

Sunday, at 11 A.M., a deacon was ordained, after which Bishop Foster preached from "The Glory which shall be revealed in us." A delightful sermon, full of grand thoughts and lofty inspiration clothed in chaste and beautiful, yet simple language.

In the afternoon a sunday school class meeting was held, conducted by Brother Ford, whose address was full of wise suggestion and instruction.

The pulpits of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches were filled by Brothers Ford, Fuller and J. D. Roberson.

On Monday night the Bishop favored us with his splendid lecture on "The Spirit Forces of the Universe." It was listened to with almost breathless interest by a very large and delighted audience.

X.--RESOLUTIONS.

I.—METHODIST ADVOCATE.

WHEREAS, The *Methodist Advocate* is emphatically our paper, devoted to our interests, and in proportion to its circulation on our circuits we have realized its intelligent appreciation of our labors and the church's work; and

WHEREAS, Our friend and brother, Dr. Fuller, has borne the heat and burden of the day, and ever been in the van of progression, and the earnest advocate of a lusty Christian manhood, in doing which he has met much opposition, and, we think, persecution, arising from being misunderstood; therefore,

Resolved, That we will continue to make effort to promote the circulation of the *Methodist Advocate*, and will not cease to do so until it is placed in the hands of all our members and friends.

Resolved, further, That we highly appreciate the visits of Dr. Fuller, and heartily thank him for his valuable services at this and previous sessions.

II.—PROHIBITION.

WHEREAS, At our last session we unanimously petitioned the Legislature of the State to pass a prohibition law, imposing penalties for the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage; and by special resolution, also unanimously adopted, pledged ourselves to "use all our influence and best efforts, both in the pulpit and out of it, to procure the passage of the law;" and

WHEREAS, During the canvass for the passage of such law, and subsequently, many of the brethren, who were earnest and honest in their endeavors to redeem the pledge there made, have been subject to harsh and unkind criticism, and much prejudice from many of our members; therefore

Resolved, 1. That as a Conference, we reaffirm our full sympathy with, and adherence to the principle of prohibi-

tion, and that we heartily approve the efforts made to advance it.

Resolved, 2. That we require all our pastors to maintain firmly the position taken by the Conference, and to call the attention of our members to the Discipline on the subject.

Resolved, further, That all the pastors be required to preach *specifically* on the subject of temperance in *all* their congregations, *at least once* during the ensuing year.

III.—BROWN SEMINARY.

Resolved, That we will bring the claims of this institution before the people of all our charges, and earnestly urge our young people who are seeking higher education, to avail themselves of its advantages.

IV.—ON CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Resolved, That we set apart an hour of the regular business session for the purpose of organizing a Conference Missionary Society.

Resolved, 2. That the annual missionary sermon be preached on the second night of the next session.

V.—PLAN FOR TAKING COLLECTIONS.

Resolved, That we take the collections ordered by the General Conference in the following order, namely:

First Quarter.—Sunday School Union and tracts.

Second Quarter.—Education and Freedman's Aid.

Third Quarter.—Church Extension.

Fourth Quarter.—Missions.

And that we observe the following plan, viz: After a sermon on the work and objects of each society, take subscriptions and a collection, devoting a Sabbath to the purpose, wherever practicable.

VI.—CHANGE OF TIME FOR HOLDING CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Board of Bishops, through Bishop Foster, at their next meeting this May, to change the time of holding our Conference to October or November.

VII.—TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be be appointed to make all the arrangements for our next session at Gastonia.

VIII —MINUTES.

Resolved, That we order 500 copies of the Minutes of this session, and that a Committee be appointed to publish and distribute them, and that they report their plan this afternoon.

IX.—BISHOP FOSTER.

Resolved, That we tender to Bishop Foster our sincere thanks for the great interest he has manifested in the work of our Conference; that his lectures to us, although searching, meet with our unqualified approval, and we will endeavor to profit by them. We pray God to bless and spare him many years to the Church, and we assure him that we will ever be glad to welcome him as presiding Bishop over our Conference.

X.—SUNDAY SCHOOL AGENT.

Resolved, That we have been greatly delighted and profited by the services of Rev. J. B. Ford, our efficient and active Sunday School Agent, and that we shall always be glad to see him at our Conference, and on our work, and hereby tender him our thanks.

XI.—PASTOR AND MEMBERS OF M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the Pastor and members of this Church for their kind and fraternal tender of their house for our sessions, and that we will ever cherish a grateful memory of their kindness.

XII.—THANKS TO CITIZENS.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the citizens of Asheville, who have so kindly entertained us, and made our visit among them so pleasant.

XIII.—THANKS TO RAILROADS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Railroad Companies who have favored us with reduced rates of fare.

XI.--MEMORANDA.

Special Sermons ordered by Discipline and the Conference—On Sunday Schools, at least twice; on Freedman's Aid; on Missions; on Church Extension; on Temperance.

We certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the Journal and papers adopted by the Blue Ridge Conference at its third session, held at Asheville, N. C., Jan. 19-23, 1882.

W. G. MATTON,
W. C. SMITH,
Secretaries.

MINUTES

OF THE

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOURTH SESSION.

HELD AT

Gastonia, N. C., January 24th–29th, 1883.

Edited by the Secretary and Published by order of Conference.

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OBSERVER POWER BOOK PRESSES, NO. 2, GRANITE ROW,
1883.

I.—OFFICERS.

President.—Rev. Bishop S. M. Merrill, D. D.
Secretary.—Rev. W. G. Matton.
Assistants.—Rev. M. C. Smith, W. T. Ford.

COMMITTEES.

1. *Public Worship.*—J. D. Roberson, W. T. Ford.
2. *Temperance.*—W. T. Ford, J. M. Welborn, J. N. Barker.
3. *Auditors.*—W. F. Parker, W. T. Ford.
4. *Conference Relations.*—J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn.
5. *Education.*—M. C. Smith, W. G. Matton, J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn, W. Q. A. Graham, W. F. Parker.
6. *Sunday School and Tracts.*—J. N. Barker, D. M. Clayton, J. F. West.
7. *Bible Cause.*—F. M. Presley.
8. *Post Offices.*—J. W. P. Barker.
9. *Freedman's Aid.*—D. M. Clayton, M. W. Broyles.
10. *Memoirs.*—W. Q. A. Graham, J. W. P. Barker.
11. *Periodicals and Church Literature.*—W. F. Parker, M. C. Smith.
12. *Publication of the Minutes.*—The Presiding Elders and the Secretaries.
13. *On Missions*—The Presiding Elders.
14. *Conference Stewards.*—M. C. Smith, D. M. Clayton.
15. *Conference Treasurer.*—D. M. Clayton.

II.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

For Admission on Trial.—Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

First Year.—W. M. Bagby, M. W. Broyles.

Second Year.—A. F. Creswell, J. M. Welborn.

Third Year.—W. F. Parker J. N. Barker.

Fourth Year.—W. G. Matton, J. D. Roberson.

To Examine Local Preachers for Deacon's and Elders' Orders.—W F. Parker, M. W. Broyles, A. F Creswell.

To Preach the Conference Missionary Sermon.—A. F. Creswell; *Alternate.*—W. T. Ford.

Triers of Appeal.—W. F. Parker, A. F. Creswell, M. W. Broyles, J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn, J. N. Barker, W. M. Bagby.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Pesident, J. F. Woodfin; Vice-President, A. Q. Moore; Secretary, A. Graybeal; Treasurer W. M. Bagby.

Additional Members.—J. E. Reed, D. M. Clayton, S. M. Merrill, W. T. Ford.

To Arrange Plan for Centennial Services.—W. G. Matton, J. F. West, J. D. Roberson.

To Preach the Centennial Sermon.—W. G. Matton.

Committee to locate School East of Blue Ridge.—W. G. Matton, J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn, W. M. Bagby, W. T. Ford. Added—F. W. Bradley, W. D. Tharpe, Thos. Holcombe, Osborne Lee.

III.—DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FOURTH SESSION—FIRST DAY.

JANUARY 24th, 1883.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference met in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Gastonia, North Carolina, for its fourth session, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Bishop S. M. Merrill, D. D., presiding, who opened the Conference by reading the 42d chapter of Isaiah and the 2d chapter of Hebrews. The 811th hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by the Bishop. After further singing W. G. Matton led in prayer. The Bishop then administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

The Roll was then called by the Secretary of the last Conference.

W. G. Matton was re-elected Secretary, and he nominated as Assistants, M. C. Smith and W. T. Ford, who were elected.

It was ordered that the sessions of Conference begin at 9:30 A. M., the first thirty minutes to be spent in a prayer meeting, and closing at 12:30 P. M.

The New York Book Accounts were put in the hands of J. W. Welborn for collection, as were those of the Western Book Concern.

The Committee of the First Year being absent, W. T. Ford and W. F. Parker were appointed to examine the class.

The Conference Stewards were appointed.

A draft for thirty dollars was ordered upon the Chartered Fund, and one for twenty-three dollars upon the Book Concern.

The Report of the Book Agents was read; also the exhibit of the New York and Western Concerns.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed.

The Presiding Elder of Asheville District submitted some questions relating to Brown Seminary. After some remarks by W. F.

Parker, the subject was laid over for the present.

The Presiding Elders were appointed to nominate committees. They subsequently reported and the brethren nominated were elected. See page

W. G. Matton requested to be excused from service on the Mission Committee.

The 18th question was called, when the character of A. F. English passed, and he was continued supernumerary.

The 19th question was taken up. The character of J. W. Naylor passed, and he was continued a superannuate. J. F. Woodfin's character passed, and he was also continued superannuate. D. M. Clayton was appointed Conference Treasurer.

Dr. Journey, of the M. E. Church South, was introduced, and Mr. Stikeleather, of Olin, N. C.

Vacancies in the Examining Committees were filled, after which notices were given, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology.

Benediction by Bishop Merrell.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1883.

The Conference convened at the appointed hour.

Prayer-meeting was conducted by J. N. Barker, after which Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved. On motion the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The 20th question was then taken up.

The character of W. G. Matton passed, and he read a report of the Asheville District.

The characters of R. M. Witt and A. F. Creswell were passed. The Secretary reported the case of C. G. Deming, and he was reported as transferred.

W. Rawlings was called and reported as being under suspension. On motion the case was laid over for the present.

The character of J. M. Welborn passed and he reported the Blue Ridge District as having enjoyed some prosperity, and the finances improved.

M. W. Broyle's character passed.

J. D. Roberson's passed, and he gave an account of the Greensboro District, which has made considerable advancement, especially in the matter of finance.

W. M. Bagby and W. F. Parker also passed, the latter giving some account of the peculiar features of his work the past year on the coast.

The 3d question was then called, and the following brethren, having been favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee and their Presiding Elders, were continued on trial.

1st—F. M. Presley.

2d—A. Graybeal.

3d—W. Q. A. Graham.

4th—J. W. P. Barker.

5th—J. F. West.

The Presiding Elders were appointed to apportion the amounts asked from this Conference for the General Conference Societies, and a communication on the Episcopal fund was also referred to them.

The case of W. Rawlings was again called. Bishop Merrill instructed the Conference as to the methods of proceeding, when J. D. Roberson moved that the trial be held by the Conference.

W. F. Parker was selected by the accused as counsel and J. D. Roberson was appointed to prosecute for the Conference.

The trial was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Report of visitors to Brown Seminary and also of the agent, Rev. A. F. Creswell, was read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The annual report of the Board of Education was also referred to the same committee.

The 10th and 16th questions were called, but there were no recommendations under either.

Notices were then given and the Conference adjourned with the doxology. Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. J. M. Welborn.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1883.

Conference assembled at the usual hour.

Devotional exercises were led by D. M. Clayton, Bishop Merrill in the chair.

Journal of yesterday approved.

Rev. L. M. Dunton, of the S. C. Conference, and Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced.

The 13th question was taken up when the character of D. M. Clayton passed, and he was passed to the class of the fourth year.

M. C. Smith called attention to the promise given by the brother to abstain from the use of tobacco. The Bishop advised that he be labored with.

W. T. Ford's character passed and he was advanced.

The 14th question was called and M. C. Smith favorably reported, his character passed, and he was elected to Elders' Orders.

The 5th question was taken up.

J. R. Cannon's character passed, and he was reported at college. He was on motion continued on trial. T. Clayton was reported as transferred to the North Ohio Conference.

The class was then called forward; the usual questions were all answered, when the Bishop addressed the class and Conference on the experiences referred to, giving a very clear exposition of them and a brief sketch of our denominational history and polity. After which he, having been reported favorably by the committee and his Presiding Elder, J. F. West was admitted in full connection and elected to Deacons' Orders. The order of the day was postponed.

Moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2:30 P. M. Notices were given and the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. L. M. Dunton.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, January 27th, 1883.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to appointment, at 2½ P. M. Bishop Merrill in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by M. C. Smith.

Journal of the morning session read and approved.

The order of the day was then taken up when the charges against Rev. W. Rawlings were read, and case tried. Papers and testimony were submitted by counsel for both parties, and several witnesses examined, (all of which is on file.)

On motion that we take a recess until after the Missionary sermon the Conference adjourned at 7.30, with the benediction.

The annual Missionary sermon was preached before the Conference and a large congregation by J. D. Roberson. Afterwards the Conference resumed the trial, and additional testimony was taken. The case being closed the counsel and accused withdrew. The record was read and the case considered.

Votes were taken on all the specifications and charges, resulting in a verdict of guilty of falsehood, and W. Rawlings was expelled.

The Secretary was directed to read a summary only to-morrow. On motion the Conference adjourned at 2 A. M.

Benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, January 27th, 1883.

Conference met at the appointed hour.

Religious services were conducted by J. F. West.

The chair was taken by Bishop Merrill.

Journal of yesterday afternoon approved.

The 2d question was called—no recommendations.

Committee on temperance made their report.

W. G. Matton addressed the Conference on the subject, and offered an amendment which was accepted and the report adopted.

The Auditors reported also the Committee on Bible Cause; both reports were adopted.

The Freedman's Aid Committee offered their report. The Secretary called attention to the practice of taking omnibus collections, which resulted in such meagre sums as were reported. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts was read, and after some discussion it was amended and adopted.

The Committee on Education presented a report by W. F. Parker, who supported it in some remarks. It was taken up *seriatim*. Several amendments to strike out, insert, and add to, were offered and agreed to, when, after considerable discussion, it was adopted and a committee of five appointed.

Two delegates to the convention, called to fix the location of the Central University, were appointed: W. G. Matton, J. D. Roberson.

The 18th question was re-opened, when the character of Thos. Sharpe was passed, and he was changed from supernumerary to effective.

The 33d question was called and several nominations were made, but failing to agree, the committee to locate school were empowered to fix the place for holding next session.

W. G. Matton offered a resolution asking the Bishops to change the time of holding our Conference.

The difficulties in the way of change were explained by Bishop

Merrill. The resolution was adopted.

The Conference Board of Church Extension presented their report, which was ordered on file. The Secretary made some remarks, showing what had been accomplished through the aid afforded by the Church Extension Society.

Counsel for W. Rawlings gave notice of appeal to the Judicial Conference.

The hour for closing, having arrived, notices were given. Conference adjourned with the doxology. Benediction by J. M. Welborn.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1883.

The Conference met at 9:30 A. M. Prayer meeting was in charge of W. F. Parker. Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The Journal was approved.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Bishop Merrill explained the necessity for changing the publication of the Methodist Advocate from Atlanta to Cincinnati. The Secretary offered an additional resolution endorsing the paper which was agreed to, and the whole was adopted.

The Conference Stewards reported, and their report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Fowler, Missionary Secretary, was introduced.

The Triers of Appeal were elected; also the Conference Board of Church Extension.

The Bishop announced the Standing Committees for 1883, and and presented Certificate of Ordinations.

The Statistics were read by M. C. Smith. Remarks were made on the manner of preparing them by the Secretary. The Bishop urged greater care in their preparation.

A committee was appointed to prepare plans for Centennial services, to be presented to the next Conference.

The following are the names of the committee: W. G. Matton, J. F. West and J. D. Roberson.

On nomination of the Bishop, W. G. Matton was appointed to preach the Centennial Sermon at next Conference.

Resolution on publication of the Minutes was adopted; also of thanks to citizens and the Secretaries.

Dr. Fowler addressed the Conference on the duty of carrying out the direction of the Discipline, in organizing the Sunday Schools into Missionary Societies, and more earnest effort to develop a missionary zeal among the people.

The Secretary offered a resolution of thanks to Bishop Merrill for his presidency and valuable services, which was adopted by a rising vote.

J. D. Roberson offered a resolution asking the appointment of W. G. Matton, to travel at large in the Conference as Sunday School and Temperance Agent, which was adopted; also a vote of thanks to Dr. Fowler for his able and valuable services. Adopted by rising vote.

The report of the Committee on Missions presented their report which was adopted.

It was moved that after the reading of the appointments and religious services, the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

The Journal was read and approved.

The Bishop briefly addressed the Conference and read the appointments.

The doxology was then sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Fowler.

IV.—APPOINTMENTS 1883.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

PRESIDING ELDER, J. D. ROBERSON, Gipsey, Buncombe County.

Asheville Station,	W. M. Bagby,	Asheville,
Bakersville,	To be supplied,	
Boone,	To be supplied,	
Catawba,	F. M. Presley,	Busby, Buncombe Co.
Clay and Murphy,	J. R. Cannon,	Athens, Tennessee.
Henderson,	A. Graybeal,	
Leicester,	D. M. Clayton,	Leicester, Buncombe Co.
Marshall,	J. W. P. Barker,	Marshall, Madison Co.
Pigeon River,	R. M. Witt,	Pig'n Vl'ly, Hayw'd Co.
Macon and Swain,	To be supplied,	
Tyrone Mt. Mission,	M. W. Broyles,	Leicester, Buncombe Co.
Webster and Highlands,	A. F. Croswell,	Leicester, Buncombe Co.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

PRESIDING ELDER, J. M. WELBORN, Liecester, Buncombe County.

Antioch,	To be supplied,	
Deep River,	To be supplied,	
Forsythe and Guilford,	To be supplied,	
Gastonia,	W. T. Ford,	Kings Mt., Cleaveland Co.
One to be supplied.		
Harker's Island,	W. T. Parker,	Smyrna, Carterett Co.
Jefferson,	W.Q.A.Graham,	Mouth of Buffalo, Ashe Co.
Mount Mitchell,	To be supplied,	
Mocksville,	J. F. West,	Spartanburg, S. C.
Uwharrie,	To be supplied,	
Wilkesboro,	J. N. Barker,	Grade, Alexander Co.
Yadkinville,	T. Sharpe,	Racine, Wisconsin.
Yadkin Valley,	To be supplied.	

W. G. Matton, Conference Sunday School and Temperance Agent. Post office, High Point; P. O. Box 62.

T. Clayton, transferred to North Ohio Conference; C. G. Deming, transferred to New York, and M. C. Smith to Nebraska Conference.

V.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1. TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, Intemperance is one of the greatest foes of the Church and Nation, ruining the health and morals of the people, and hurrying multitudes into untimely and dishonored graves, and

WHEREAS, Thousands of our brightest and most promising young men have fallen victims to its deadly influence. And

WHEREAS, Its only mission is to demoralize and unfit for usefulness, to break up the domestic peace, and fill the land with pauperism and crime, leaving only a deadly trail of blood, tears and ruin. Therefore

Resolved 1. That we will circulate Temperance literature, and preach or lecture on the subject in all our congregations.

2. That we will endeavor to enforce the rules of discipline on all our charges, and to purge our Church from all those who drink intoxicants (as a beverage) or engage in the traffic.

3. That the traffic in intoxicating drinks as a beverage is itself immoral, tending only to the ruin of the domestic, social, financial and religious interests of the people of the State, and therefore, ought to be prohibited by effective legislation and constitutional enactments.

W. T. FORD, *Chairman.*

2. BIBLE CAUSE.

WHEREAS, Skepticism and false religious teachings are on the increase and are beginning to trouble us, and because we believe the general circulation of the Sacred Scriptures to be the most effective means of antagonizing these, therefore,

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with the work of the

American Bible Society, and rejoice in its success and praiseworthy effort to supply the destitute in our State, through colporteurs.

We regret that so much indifference should be manifested toward so important an enterprise,

And hereby pledge ourselves to more earnest effort to obtain contributions for this society.

3. SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

No other department of Christian labor affords richer promise of an abundant harvest than the Sunday School.

The history of the church conclusively proves that past efforts in this field have produced general increase of spirituality and financial prosperity, especially where distinctive Methodist methods have been adopted; therefore,

Resolved, That we will increase our efforts to establish denominational Sunday-Schools in all our churches, and urge the use of literature published by our Sunday School Union.

Resolved, further, That we will endeavor to circulate our tracts among the people and faithfully present the claims of the Sunday School Union and tract cause to all our congregations.

4. FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Fully appreciating the importance of the Freedman's Aid Society in its endeavor to fit these persons for their duties as Christian citizens, we are profoundly thankful for what has already been accomplished; therefore

Resolved, That we will call the attention of our people to the claims of the Society, and urge them to contribute liberally to this noble benevolence of our Church.

5. EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, It is part of the legitimate duty of the ministry to in-

terest themselves in the educational interests of the people among whom they labor; and

WHEREAS, There is great need of better and more efficient Academic Schools among us; therefore

Resolved 1. That this Conference appoint a committee with power to locate an Academic School within the bounds of the Conference (East of Blue Ridge) during the current year.

2. That the said committee have full power to receive donations of money, personal property and grants of land, or to make such purchase of either as they may deem necessary for the establishment of said school, so as not to involve the Conference, and that they have power to associate with themselves such lay members of the Church and friends of education as may be necessary to carry on the work.

3. That each Preacher in charge and supply, preach and lecture on the subject of Education and take a collection for the same, and that they all observe Children's Day, in each charge, as directed by the Discipline.

4. That the above committee be instructed to apply to the Legislature of North Carolina for an Act of Incorporation for Brown Seminary, Leicester, and if obtained, that the present Board of Trustees be required to transfer the property to this committee.

6. CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

We have recommended two applications during the year.

First, A donation of $250 to Smith's Chapel, on Mount Mitchell circuit, Greensboro District, of which $100 was granted.

Second, A donation of $500 to Highlands, Webster Circuit, Asheville District, of which $250 was granted and a loan of $250.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ROBERSON, President,

W. T. FORD, Sec'y.

7. BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

WHEREAS, There is great need of increased circulation of religious literature among our people, we earnestly request the preachers of this Conference to give this subject their earnest attention and make a specialty of urging every family of our congregation to supply themselves with good books, and as far as possible, of our own publications; and that all exhorters, stewards and class leaders be earnestly advised to supply their families, with at least one church paper, and to aid in the circulation of our publications.

We heartily endorse the *Methodist Advocate*, and regard it as of great value to us in the prosecution of our work; and that we admire its new form, and believe, with its reduction in price, it ought to have a large circulation in North Carolina; and we hereby pledge ourselves to show the paper to our congregations and make increased effort to get a copy into every family on our circuits.

8. CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

We have received and disbursed as follows:

Cash on hand,	$26,00
Book Concern, (div)	23,00
Chartered Fund,	30,00
Total,	$79,00

Appropriated as follows:

J. W. Naylor,	$30,00
W. M. Bagby,	20,00
J. F. West,	10,00
F. M. Presley,	19,00
Total,	$79,00

M. C. SMITH, *Chairman*,

9. VISITORS TO BROWN SEMINARY.

The school has been visited and the work of the classes observed. The methods of instruction appear to be careful and thorough, and the discipline of the school excellent. The principal is devoted and painstaking, and appears to inspire his pupils with diligence and ambition to improve. We heartily commend the Seminary to the favor of our people, as affording good opportunities to our youths to obtain a good education at moderate rates.

W. G. MATTON, *Chairman.*

10. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee of the Blue Ridge Conference, after carefully examining the accounts of the Presiding Elders of the Asheville, Greensboro and Blue Ridge Districts find the same to be correct. Respectfully submitted,

GASTONIA, N. C., Jan. 26, '83.

W. F. PARKER.
W. T. FORD.

VI.—STATISTICS FOR BLUE RIDGE CONFE

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Bap.	No. of Adults Bapt'd	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars all ages.	FOR MISSIONS. From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Total.	For Wo...
BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT.								$		$	$	$	$				$	$	$	$
1. Boon Circuit*	7	235	2		2	3	3	600 00			100 00			3	20	130				
2. Jefferson Circuit,	66	363	6				4	2000 00				16 00		4	24	160	9 00		9 00	
3. Antioch and Roaring Gap Circuit,	22	216	3	7		4	2	300			250			4	16	135	2 28		2 28	
4. Wilkesboro Circuit,	47	226	3		4	45	4	1500			185			2	8	50				
5. Bakersville "	22	190	1	6	3	8	2	400									5 00		5	
6. Catawba "	41	272	2		9	8	4	700						1			3 60		3 60	
7. Stone Mountain Mission.	48	100			2	3	2	500				25 00		2	16	86	1 50		1 50	
Total,	253	1602	17	13	20	71	21	6000 00			535 00	41 00		16	84	561	21 38		21 38	
Last year,	285	1641	17	5	18	148	18	4000 00			300 00			17	82	595	10 80		10 80	
Increase,				8	2		3	2000 00			235 00	41 00			2		10 58		10 58	
Decrease,	32	39				77								1		34				
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.																				
1. Forsythe and Guilford Circuit,	6	161	3	3	1	1	4	2900 00						2	17	61	8 56		8 56	
2. Snow Camp and Deep River Cir.	2	56	1	1	5		3	750						2	8	80	1		1	
3. Mount Mitchell Circuit,	10	196	4		3		5	3000			600 00			4	16	195	2	25	2 25	
4. Shiloh "	3	138	2	1	5		4	2000						1	7	50	5	3 00	8	
5. Gastonia "	55	187	1		17	4	5	2650			35			3	11	175	26 40	3 60	30	1
6. Mocksville and Yadkinville Ct.	16	372	4	2		8	11	3000						6	15	275	13 35	1 65	15	
7. Harkers Island and Straits Circuit,	5	227	1	2			2	6300	1	200 00	206			4	36	225	10 15		10 15	
8. Uwharrie Circuit,	10	170	4	1		5	2	1075	1	125 00	75			2	12	150	6		6	
Total,	107	1507	20	10	31	18	36	20775 00	2	325 00	916 00			24	122	1211	72 46	8 50	80 96	1
Last year,	89	1261	21	8	79	18	31	13500 00	1	150 00	400 00			20	105	894	24 25		24 25	1
Increase,	18	246		2			5	7175 00	1	175 00	516 00			4	17	317	48 21	8 50	56 71	
Decrease,			1		48															
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.																				
1. Asheville Station,	1	9					1	2250 00			1585 00		675 00							
2. Asheville Circuit,		130	2	1	1	9	1	600			25			1	6	30				
3. Hendersonville Circuit,		300	1	2			4	2000						2	15	50				
4. Leicester "	63	270	2		2	5	5	1100						2	6		5 00		5 00	
5. Pigeon River "	25	375	3	1	16	15	5	3000	1	400 00	200									
6. Murphy "																				
7. Clay Circuit*	30	156	3				4	500						1	15	38			2 25	
8 Webster and Highlands Circuit,	27	139	2	1	5	12	1	1000			600						6		6	
9. Spartanburg "	4	29			4		1	300									4 70		4 70	
10 Rich Mountain Mission,		10																		
Total,	150	1418	13	5	28	41	22	10750 00	1	400 00	2410 00		675 00	6	42	118	15 70		15 70	
Last year,	179	1376	13	5	17	9	17	6800 00	1	300 00	795 00			13	63	578	22 70	1 50	26 20	
Increase,		42			11	32	5	3950 00		100 00	1695 00		675 00							
Decrease,	29													7	21	460	7 00	1 50	10 50	
TOTALS BY DISTRICTS.																				
Blue Ridge District,	253	1602	17	13	20	71	21	6000 00			535 00	41 00		16	84	561	21 38		21 38	
Greensboro "	107	1507	20	10	31	18	36	20775	2	325 00	916			24	122	1211	72 46	8 40	80 96	1
Asheville "	150	1418	13	5	28	41	22	10750	1	400 00	2410 00		675 00	7	42	118	15 70		15 70	
Grand Total,	510	4527	50	28	79	130	79	37525 00	3	725 00	3861 00	41 00	675 00	47	248	1890	109 54	8 40	118 04	1

CS FOR BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1882.

	Probationers.						Members.							Pastoral Support.			Pres. Elder.		Bishops.		Conf. Claimants.	
	No. on the roll at last Conference and received since.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. removed without Certificate	No. dropped, withdrawn or unknown.	No. of Deaths.	No. received into Full Connection.	No. on the roll at the end of this year.	No. received by Certificate.	No. received from Probation.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. removed without Certificate.	No. withdrawn, expelled, or unknown.	No. of Deaths.	No. of known members at the end of this year	Pastor's Claim, including rental value of Parsonage or House Rent.	Pastor's Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount paid.
															$	$	$	$370 00	$370 00	$	$	$	$
r.	23					12	13	2	12					235	85 00	55 00	30 00	8 00	3	1 50			
	116			50			66		8	8		50		363	250 00	150 00	100 00	20 00	20	1 50	50		
Circuit,	26			1		5	22	2	5	5	1	8	7	216	125 00	93 46	31 54		7 80				
	84					59	47		59		1	1		226	150 00	140 00	10 00	20 00	20	2			
						25	22		25				6	190	165 00	148 00	17 00	20 00	8	2 50			
	57	1	18	30		5	62	1	5	1	18	30		296		107 40					20		5 00
		8	12			16			16	5		4	2	100	100 00	91 61	8 39		3	1 50	25		
	300	9	30	81		122	232	5	130	19	20	93	15	1626	875 00	785 47	196 93	438 00	431 80	9 00	95		5 00
	537			49		169	228	14	169	2	1	27	1	1644	1003 00	677 23	320 77	489 00	452 50	6 50	75		
																108 24				2 50	20		5 00
		9	30	32			4			17	19	66	14		128 00		123 84	51 00	20 70				
	237					47		9	39					15				400 00	400				
r.																60 55							
rcuit,				1		1	6		1	2		2	3	161	152 00	127 00	25 00		1 25				
River Cir.	2						2	2					1	56	325 00	221 00	104 00						
	19			3		6	10	2	6	2		5		196	125 00	84 00	41 00	12 00	10 35				
	2		1			2			2	1		1	1	138	205 00	150 00	55 00	20 00	9 15	2	2 00		1 00
	81			3		23	55	1	23				1	187							1 00		
lle Ct.															500 00	367 25	132 75			1	1 00		
ts Circuit	5				2		5						2	235	305 00	214 00	91 00	20 00	13 50				
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	178	1	4	19	3	52	89	46	51	16	8	31	8	1245									
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	50					30				30			2	300	300 00	100 93	199 07	25 00	20 30	3 50	1 00		
	159	1				10	149		10	1		20		270				10 00	5 40				
					1		2							375				5 00	2 00				
															275 00	183 95	81 05	20 00	5 40	2 50			
Circuit	47			6		9	27	2	6	2		5	1	135	70 00	56 60	13 40	3 00	3 00	2	50		
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	279	1	1	28	1	58	206	2	26	37	4	25	4	1258									
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VII.—DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1. Who are received by transfer? None.

" 2. Who "admitted on trial? None.

" 3 Who remain on trial? F. M. Presley, A. Graybeal, W. Q. A. Graham, J. W. P. Barker, J. F. West.

" 4. Who are discontinued? None.

" 5. Who are received into full connection? J. F. West.

" 6. Who are re-admitted? None.

" 7. Who are received on credentials? None.

" 8. What traveling preachers have been elected deacons? J. F. West.

" 9. What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? J. F. West.

" { 10. What local preachers have been elected, and
{ 11 ordained deacons? None.

" 12. Who are the traveling deacons of the first-class? None.

" 13. Who are the traveling deacons of the second-class? D. M. Clayton.

" 14. What traveling deacons have been elected Elders? M. C. Smith.

" 15. What traveling deacons have been ordained elders? M. C. Smith.

" 16th and 17th—None.

" 18. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. F. English.

" 19. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. W. Naylor, J. F. Woodfin.

" 20. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes, in open Conference.

Question 21. Have any died? None.

" 22. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference? T. Clayton, to North Ohio, C. G. Deming to New York, M. C. Smith, to Nebraska.

" 23. Have any withdrawn? None.

" 24. Have any located at their own request? None.

" 25. Have any been located? None.

" 26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

" 27. Have any been expelled? W. Rawlings.

" 28. Who are the triers of appeals? See officers.

" 29. What is the statistical report? See tables.

" 30. What are the claims on the Conference fund?

" 31. What has been received, and how applied? For answer see report of Conference Stewards.

" 32. Where are the preachers stationed?
See appointments.

" 33. Where shall the next Conference be held? To be fixed by the Committee on Location of School.

VIII.—MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1883.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.		GREENSBORO DISTRICT.	
Presiding Elder,	$ 575,00	Presiding Elder,	$ 575,00
Asheville Station,	390,00	Antioch,	50,00
Bakersville,	50,00	Deep River,	80,00
Boone,	50,00	Forsythe and Guilford,	60,00
Catawba,	70,00	Gastonia,	140,00
Clay and Murphy,	60,00	Harker's Island,	425,00
Henderson,	60,00	Jefferson,	60,00
Leicester,	75,00	Mount Mitchell,	50,00
Marshall,	70,00	Mocksville,	100,00
Macon and Swain,	40,00	Uwharrie,	50,00
Pigeon River,	70,00	Wilkesboro,	70,00
Tyrone Mt. Mission,	100,00	Yadkinville,	90,00
Webster & Highlands,	100,00	Yadkin Valley,	40,00
Total,	$ 1,710,00		1,790.00
		Total,	$ 3,500.00

IX —PREACHING AND SPECIAL SERVICES.

On Wednesday night W. F. Parker preached.

Thursday night was devoted to education and Freedman's Aid Society. Addresses were made by Bishop Merrill, and W. G. Mat on.

On Friday night the Annual Missionary Sermon was preached by J. D. Roberson.

Saturday night a Temperance Mass meeting was held, at which the Bishop made a forcible argument in favor of prohibition. Rev. L. M. Dutton also made an address.

Sunday services commenced with Love-feast at 9.30, A. M. Preaching at 11, by Bishop Merrill. At 3 o'clock ordination services, when the Bishop gave an exposition of the church's theory of orders in the ministry, after which J. F. West was ordained Deacon and M. C. Smith Elder. At the close, the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants.

At night Dr. Fowler delivered a splendid missionary address. And on Monday night he gave a free lecture at the Academy to a large and delighted audience. Subject, "Muscle and Brain," in his inimitable style.

X.—RESOLUTIONS.

1. BISHOP MERRILL.

Resolved, That we have been highly favored in the presidency of Bishop Merrill, whose kindness we greatly appreciate. And we hereby tender him our hearty thanks for the careful manner in which he has conducted the Conference business, and for his instructive addresses and valued public services.

2. CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate the aid we have received from the Church Extension Society, by which we have been enabled to erect the larger number of the churches we have in this Conference, and we pledge ourselves to inform our people of the work of this Society, and use every endeavor to increase the collections.

3. MINUTES.

Resolved, That the committee on the publication of the minutes be and they are hereby instructed to estimate the amount each charge will probably pay for ministerial support; and apportion the cost of printing among them. The amount so apportioned to be deducted from the first quarter, as far as practicable.

4. SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TEMPERANCE AGENT.

Resolved, That we respectfully ask the Bishop to appoint Rev. W. G. Matton, Conference Sunday School and Temperance Agent, to travel at large in our bounds, and throughout the State, to promote the causes indicated.

DR. C. H. FOWLER.

Resolved, That this Conference tender their thanks to Dr. Fowler for his valuable services, and cordially invite him to attend our next Annual Conference.

XI.--MEMORANDA.

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MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

GASTONIA CIRCUIT.

F. W. Bradley,	$ 1 75	J. H. Wooley,	25
E. H. Bradley,	1 00	F. B. Harrelson,	25
Wm. Bradley,	1 00	A. L. Harrelson,	25
David Huss,	1 00	L. B. Conner,	25
C. Spaight,	1 00	M. P. Harrelson,	25
S. R. Huss,	1 00	James Houser,	25
S. L. Ford,	50	F. C. Lipe,	25
L. C. Huffstetler,	50	J. J. Stroup,	25
John Bradley,	50	V. W. Harris,	25
W. H. Jenkins,	50	W. J. Mauney,	25
J. A. Morrow,	50	D. A. C. Farris,	25
J. B. Bynum,	50	D. A. Long,	25
J. Jenkins,	50	J. A. Brown,	25
F. S. Morrison,	50	J. P. Huffstelter,	25
J. S. Beam,	50	J. O. Murray,	25
J. S. Connor,	50	C. C. Huffstetler,	25
B. Henry,	50	John Singerfelds,	25
Ellis Shull,	50	L. C. Huffstetler,	25
Caleb Bradley,	1 00	M. L. Johnson,	25
John Hufstetler,	50	Wesley Walker,	25
John Garrett,	50	A. G. Gantt,	25
C. M. Nolen,	25	C. H. Martin,	25
J. G. Jenkins,	25	Edward Kenedy,	25
C. A. Spencer,	25	James Briggs,	25
G. W. Chalk,	25	J. W. Walker,	25
Jonas Jenkins,	25	C. Hullender,	25
John Jenkins,	25	C. L. Callins,	25
W. H. Jenkins,	25	Rufus Callins,	25
A. B. Jenkins,	25	John Grandon,	25
J. Linhart,	25	W. J. Dellinger,	25
Mandy Harrelson,	25	Finn Bradley,	10
D. R. Correll,	25	Ida Marrow,	10
S. C. McGinnis,	25	M. A. Bradley,	10

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

GASTONIA CIRCUIT – (CONTINUED.)

James Bynum,	10	Mark Huffstettler,	10
Willie Pearson,	12	Charity Huffstettler,	10
Emma Bradley,	10	A. J. Aker,	10
Willie Bradley,	10	R. S. Michem,	10
Epsy O. Jenkins,	10	Margaret Sarvis,	10
J. L. Beam,	10	M. S. Huffstettler,	10
D. L Neil,	10	Linnie Clark,	10
F. Hullett,	10	John P. Huffstettler,	5
J. A. Hayle,	10	C Lipe,	5
W. J. Mauney,	10	Willie Gates,	5
Sidney Lipe,	10	George Conner,	5
A. B. Long,	10	M A White	5
G. L. Sellars,	10	John White,	5
W. M. Long,	10	Frone Morrison,	5
C. Farris,	10	Fanny Hayle,	5
Elizabeth Mauney	10	Callie Bradley,	5
Eliza Mauney,	10	Lou Bradley,	5
Jacob Lingerfeldt,	10		

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS.

There are considerable discrepancies between tables 1st and 2d on account of carelessness of the preachers in filling up their reports, from which alone the Statistical Secretary can prepare the tables. EDITOR.

MINUTES

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— OF THE —

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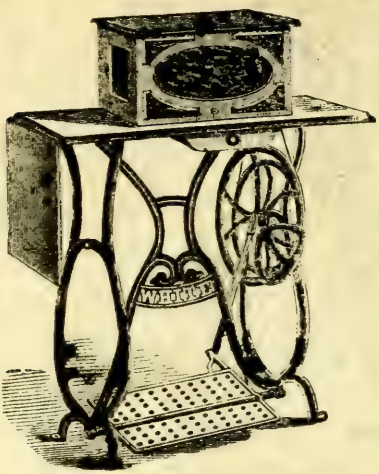

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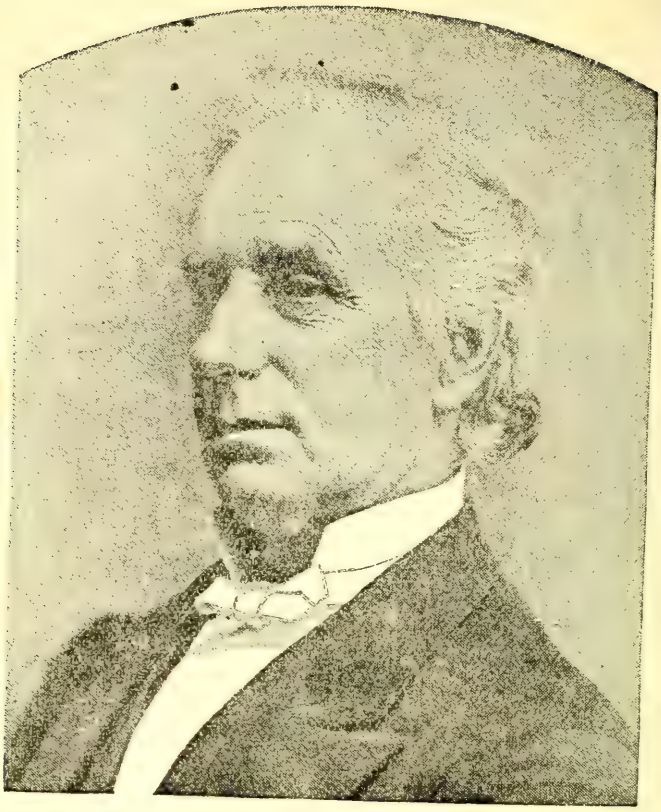

BISHOP THOMAS BOWMAN, D. D., LL. D.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT.—Rev. Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D. LL. D.
SECRETARY.—James D. Roberson.
ASSISTANT.—W. T. Ford.
STATISTICAL SECRETARY.—A. Graybeal.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION.

1. Admission on trial.—Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.
2. First Year.—J. M. Welborn, D. M. Clayton, N. M. Cooper.
3. Second Year.—W. T. Ford, R. M. Witt,
4. Third Year.—W. F. Parker, J. N. Barker.
5. Fourth Year.—W. G. Matton, J. D. Roberson.
6. To Examine Local preachers for Deacon's and Elders orders.—W. F. Parker, W. G. Matton.
7. Trials of Appeals.—W. F. Parker, J. N. Barker, J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn, W. T. Ford, J. F. Woodfin, D. M. Clayton.
8. To Preach Missionary Sermon.—J. F. Woodfin.
9. Alternate.—D. M. Clayton.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President.—T. J. Candler.
Vice President.—D. M. Clayton.
Secretary.—J. D. Roberson.
Treasurer.—J. E. Reed,
Managers.—J. R. Cannon, F. M. Presley, Frank A. Fanning, Ex-officio Presiding Elders.

APPOINTMENTS.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. D. ROBERSON, P. E. ASHEVILLE, POST OFFICE.

Asheville Station,	W. G. Matton.
Boone, Supplied by	E. C. Reece,
Bakersville, Supplied by	J. P. Matney,
Catawba,	To be supplied,
Clay and Murphy, supplied by	D. N. Franklin,
Henderson,	J. F. Woodfin,
Leicester,	D. M. Clayton,
Pigeon River,	R. M. Witt,
Webster and Highlands, sup. by	J. A. Matheson,
Marshall,	F. M. Presley,
Tryon Mission,	J. R. Cannon.

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J. M. WELBORN, P. E. ASHEVILLE, POST OFFICE.

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Harker's Island,	W. F. Parker,
Gastonia, supplied by	F. A. Bradley,
Jefferson,	W. Q. A. Graham,
Mocksville,	N. M. Cooper,
Mount Mitchell,	W. T. Ford,
Uwarrie,	H. D. Christenbury,
Wilkesboro,	J. N. Barker,
Yadkinville, supplied by	J. E. Winkler.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Ministerial.—W. G. Matton,	Reserve.—J. M. Welborn.
Lay—J. E. Reed,	Reserve—T. J. Candler.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1 Who are received by transfer? None.

" 2 Who "admitted on trial? F A L Clark and H D Christenbury,

" 3 Who remain on trial? None.

" 4 Who are discontinued? None.

" 5 Who are received into full connection? A Graybeal F M Presley, W Q A Graham, J W P Barker and N M Cooper,

" 6 Who are re-admitted? None.

" 7 Who are received on credentials? N M Cooper,

" 8 What traveling preachers have been elected deacons? A Graybeal, F M Presley, J R Cannon, W Q A Grayham, J W P Barker,

" 9 What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? A Graybeal, F M Presley, J R Cannon, W Q A Graham, J W P Barker.

" } 10 What local preachers have been elected, and
" } 11 ordained deacons? F A Bradley, John D Redwine.

" 12 Who are the traveling deacons of the first-class? A Gaybeal, F M Presley, J R Cannon, W Q A Graham, J W P Barker,

" 13 Who are the traveling deacons of the second class? None.

" 14 What traveling deacons have been elected Elders? D M Clayton and W T Ford,

" 15 What traveling deacons have been ordained Elders? D M Clayton and W T Ford.

" 16th and 17th - None,

" 18 Who are the supernumerary preachers? A F English, A Graybeal, J W P Barker and J F West,

" 19 Who are the superannuated preachers? J W Naylor,

" 20 Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes in open Conference

Question 21 Have any died? None.

" 22 Have any been transferred, and to what Conference? A. F. Creswell to Holston.

" 23 Have any withdrawn? W. M. Bagby was allowed to withdraw on conditions.

" 24 Have any located at their own request? M W. Broyles.

" 25 Have any been located? None.

" 26 Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

" 27 Have any been expelled? None.

" 28 Who are the triers of appeals? See officers.

" 29 What is the statistical report? See tables.

" 30 What are the claims on the Conference fund?

" 31 What has been received, and how applied? For answer see report of Conference Stewards.

" 32 Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.

" 33 Where shall the next Conference be held? Pigeon Valley, Haywood, County, N. C.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

M. E. Church, Asheville, N. C.

Wednesday Morning, Jan , 30th, 1884.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the M. E. Church at Asheville, Jan. 30th, 1884, for its fifth session.

Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D. LL. D, in opening the Conference read the 3d Chapter of Phil. and announced the 903d hymn, after the singing of which he led the Conference in a very earnest prayer. In the absence of the Secretary, the assistant, W. T. Ford, called the roll, and quite a number failed to answer to their names.

W. G. Matton was elected Secretary and W. T. Ford assistant.

J. D. Roberson and J. M. Welborn were appointed a committee to nominate the standing committees, and presented the following report, which was adopted :

COMMITTEES :

Public Worship—J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn.

Temperance—W. G. Matton, W. Q. A. Graham.

Auditing—W. T. Ford, J. R. Cannon.

Conference Relations—J. M. Welborn, J. D. Roberson.

Education—J. D. Roberson, D. M. Clayton, A. Graybeal, W. F. Parker, J. R. Cannon,

Sunday Schools and Tracts—W. F. Parker, F. M. Presley, J. W. P. Barker, M. W. Broyles.

Bible Cause—W. T. Ford, M. W. Broyles.

Freedman's Aid Society—R. W. Witt, W. G. Matton.

Church Literature—A. Graybeal, J. N. Barker, W. T. Matney.

Missions—The Presiding Elders

Stewards—D. M. Clayton, W. T. Ford.

Treasurer—W. Q. A. Graham.

The Bishop stated that he was in possession of some papers from

the Board of Education, which were passed to the Committee on Education.

The time for meeting was fixed at 9 30 a m., adjournment 12m.

The Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung and J. D. Roberson pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, Jan. 31st, 1884.

Conference convened at 9 30. A. H. Archibald, D. D. conducted the devotional exercises. The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved. The roll was called and most all the preachers answered, and the further calling of the roll was discontinued. W. G. Matton resigned the secretaryship, and J. D. Roberson was elected in his stead. Dr. Archibald, of the Cincinnati Book Concern, and Rev. T. C. Carter, editor of the Methodist Advocate, Chattanooga, were introduced to the Conference. Papers from the board of Education were read and referred. The twentieth question was taken up. J. D. Roberson was called, his character passed, and he presented his report of the Asheville District, which shows the work to be in a growing condition.

The name of W. M. Bagby was called and it was announced that he had withdrawn from the church. His withdrawal was allowed on condition that he pay his book account and refund certain money in his hand belonging to the Church.

M. W. Broyles was called, and being absent, action was defered.

A. C. Creswell was announced as having been transferred to the Holston Conference.

R. M. Witt was called and his character passed.

J. M. Welborn, Presiding Elder of the Greensboro District was called, his character passed, and he made a very interesting report of his district, representing the work in an encouraging condition. W. F. Parker's name was called and his character passed.

Rev. W. W. Bays, Pastor in this place of the M. E Church, South,

and Eugene Blake, both of the Holston Conference were introduced.

Dr. Archibald, of Cincinnati, addressed the Conference in the interest of the Book Concern.

J. N. Barker and W. G. Matton were called and their characters passed.

W. G. Matton presented his report as Conference Sunday School and Temperance agent.

18 & 19. The name of A. F. English was called, and his Presiding Elder asked for a committee in his case. The committee was raised consisting of D. M Clayton, F. M. Presley, J. R. Cannon.

J. W. Nailer was continued in the Superanuated relation, J. F. Woodfin was made effective.

W. G. Matton was added to the committee for the examination of candidates for Local Deacon's and Elder's orders.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

Some announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and T. C. Carter pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, Feb., 1st. 1884.

Conference convened at 9.30 a. m., Bishop Bowman in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by W. F. Parker. The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved. A paper concerning the expenses of General Conference delegates was read and referred to the Presiding Elders to apportion the amount asked of this Conference to the several charges; also a paper relative to the Episcopal Fund was likewise read and referred. Other papers were read and referred to their appropriate committees. W. F. Parker and J. M. Welborn were placed on the Centenary Committee instead of J. F. West and J. D. Roberson. A statement from the Book committee was read and ordered filed with the Secretary's papers. The Bishop stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Book concern for $23, and on the Chartered Fund for $30, and drafts for said amounts were ordered.

J. F. West was called, his character passed, and he granted a superannuary relation.

D. M. Clayton and W. F. Ford were called, their characters passed and they were elected to elder's orders after being represented by the examining committee and their Presiding Elders. The Bishop called forward A Graybeal, W. Q. A. Graham, F. M Presley, J. W P Barker, N M Cooper and J R Cannon, the candidates for full membership and addressed them at some length in an exceedingly able and interesting way, dwelling on the peculiar qualifications of a methodist preacher, giving a lucid exposition of the disciplinary questions concerning pardon, perfection, profession in christian love, and the practical work of the pastor. The address made a profound impression and will, no doubt, result in permanent good. (The hour for adjournment having arrived the time was extended 30 minutes.) After the report of the examining committee and the representation of the Presiding Elders, they were all received into full membership and all but F M Presley (he being in orders) were elected to Deacon's Orders.

Announcements were made by the various committees.

Conference adjourned. After the singing of the doxology, W G Matton pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, Feb, 2nd, 1884.

Conference convened at the usual hour, Bishop Bowman in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by T C Carter. The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The second question was taken up, and Harper D Christenbury and Francis A Clark having been duly recommended according to the form of Discipline and favorably represented by the examining committee and the Presiding Elder, were admitted on trial in the traveling connection.

J. M. Reed, D. D. LL. D , Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, and A. J. Kynett, D D., Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension society, were introduced to the Conference.

Question Seventh was taken up, and Nathan M. Cooper, from the Wesleyan Methodist Church, having been recommended according to the Discipline, was admitted into full membership in the Conference, his orders as Elder were recognized and he placed in the class of Deacons of the first year to take the course of study.

Questions Ten and Eleven were taken up, and Frank A. Bradley and John D. Redwine, having been favorably represented by the examining committee and the Presiding Elder, were elected to Local Deacon's Orders

W. G. Matton presented the report of the committee on Centenary Services, which was adopted.

Dr. Mitchell, pastor of the Baptist Church of this place, was introduced to the Conference.

The committee in the case of A F. English reported, instructing the Presiding Elder to call a committee of investigation, the committee in the case of English being instructed by the Conference to prepare a bill of charges. Rev. Mr. Summers was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. T C. Carter, Editor of the Methodist Advocate, addressed the Conference at some length concerning the Church periodical literature and the Methodist Advocate, to the delight of all present. Dr. Reed talked to the Conference in a very earnest and practical manner about some important facts of Mission work The discourse was timely and impressive. Dr. Kynett spoke a few words and desired to be heard at some future time.

W. G. Matton presented the report of the committee on Temperance and made a stiring speech on the subject. Bishop Bowman also made a very able and interesting talk on the subject, after which the report was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Gammon, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this place, was introduced to the Conference.

Several notices were given. The Conference adjourned, the Doxology was sung and Dr. Kynett pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, Feb. 4th, 1884.

Conference convened at the usual hour, Bishop Bowman in the chair. W. T. Ford conducted the devotional exercises. The journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

The Twentieth Question was recurred to and M. W Broyles was granted a location at his own request.

J. D. Roberson, Presiding Elder of Asheville District, asked a supernumerary relation for A. Graybeal and J. W. P. Barker, which was granted.

Rev. Mr. Green of the N. C. Conference was introduced.

On motion of W. G. Matton a committee of Fraternal Correspondence was appointed, consisting of W. G. Matton, J. D Roberson, J. M. Welborn.

W. F. Parker read the report of the committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts, and the same was adopted.

W. F. Parker presented the report of the committee on Education, amended by an addendum offered by J. D. Roberson, and the report as amended was adopted.

W. G. Matton presented the report of the committee on Freedman's Aid Society and he and W. F. Parker spoke on the subject of the report, after which it was adopted

W. T. Ford read the report of the committee on Bible Cause which was adopted.

A. Graybeal offered the report of the committee on Church Literature and Periodicals, Rev. T. C. Carter spoke concerning the Methodist Advocate and Dr. F. A. Archibald spoke of the Western Book

Concern and the Western Christian Advocate, after which the report was adopted.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of a delegate to the General Conference. On motion of W. F. Parker, it was decided to elect by acclamation. W. G. Matton was nominated and elected J. M. Welborn was elected reserve.

Dr. Kynett addressed the Conference concerning the Church Extension work; while he was speaking the time for adjournment arrived, and on motion was extended 30 minutes, and the Dr. finished his speech.

The Bishop announced the various committees, the Conference Board of Church Extension and the Triers of Appeals for the ensuing year.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 3 P. M. The doxology was sung, Dr. Reed pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at the appointed hour the Bishop in the chair. J. M. Welborn conducting the religeous devotions.

The Bishop called upon all the preachers present and enquired concerning all the charges as to the number of preaching places on the various circuits, and probable number of people who attended the worship at the different places.

W. G. Matton, the former Secretary, read a paper from Bishop Warren concerning the Judicial Conference to which W. Rawling had appealed from our last session, the paper stated that said W. Rawling presented no appeal to the Judicial Conference.

It was enquired, where shall the next Conference be held? Smith's Chapel and Pigeon Valley, Haywood county were put in nomination; the vote being taken, Pigeon Valley was declared to be the choice.

W. T. Ford presented the following report of the Conference Stewards:

Received from Book Concern,	$23.00
" " Chartered Fund.	$30.00
Total.	$53.00

Applied to W. G. Matton,	$28.00
" " F. M. Presley,	$10.00
" " R. M. Witt.	$15.00
Total.	$53.00

Several resolutions were offered and passed.

A committee for the location of a school east of the Blue Ridge was appointed composed of J. M. Welborn, W. T. Ford and W. Q. A. Graham.

W. T. Ford read a memorial from the Greensboro District Conference, the Annual Conference concurring in its recomendations.—The following resolution passed: Resolved, that we adopt the same plans as last year for publishing the Conference Minutes.

The Bishop read the appointments and the Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Whereas, skepticism and false religious teachings are on the increase and are beginning to trouble us, and because we believe the general circulation of the sacred Scriptures to be the most effective means of antagonizing these, therefore,

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with the work of the American Bible Society, and rejoice in its success and praiseworthy efforts to supply the destitute in our State through colporteurs.

We regret that so much indifference should be manifested towards so important an enterprise, and hereby pledge ourselves to more earnest efforts to obtain contributions for this society.

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, The traffic in intoxicating liquor has grown to such colossal proportions as to seriously threaten every moral interest, and has multiplied its demoralizing agencies in every city, town and hamlet and its publics and bar-rooms.

And whereas, The well defined principles and polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church peculiarly fit her, we believe she is called to lead the van, in earnest and vigorous assault upon this giant evil of the times.

Therefore, Resloved, That we arrange for a public service during this Conference, and that each preacher be earnestly requested to

preach on the subject of Temperance at each appointment (as far as possible) during the year, and to indeaver to instruct our people on the teachings and requirements of our discipline on the subject of temperance. Respectfully submitted,

Wm. G. Matton.
W. Q. A. Graham.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church has made ample provision for supplying its people with pure and instructive literature both in books and periodicals.

And whereas, There is great need for increased effort in scattering good books and periodicals within the bounds of this Conference.

Therefore, Resolved, First, That we make diligent effort to furnish every family, upon our several charges, with a good supply of Methodist books and at least one of our official church papers.

Resolved Second, That we recognize in the Western Christian Advocate, published at Cincinnati, Ohio, an able exponent of our church work and polity, of the Temperance cause, and of religious life and character, and being more especially adapted to our work in the South. We will, therefore, press its claims upon our people, and do all we can to circulate it on our charges.

Resolved Third, That we regard the Methodist Advocate, edited and published by Rev. T. C. Carter, A. M., as indispensible to our work in the central South, and promise to use all our diligence in placing it in every Methodist family in the Blue Ridge Conference.

Resolved Fourth, That we will as far as possible supply the Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Conference, with our own literature, and endeavor to establish church libraries in all suitable localities.

A. Graybeal.

FRATERNAL RELATION.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence beg leave to report: That we recall with much thankfulness to our common Lord and Master the uniform kindness and genuine fraternity manifested by the Society of Friends, for whom we entertain a like spirit. And in view of the fact that at a previous session of the Conference we were favored with the presence of a Fraternal Delegate from that body, much to our delight, and which we earnestly desire to reciprocate.

Therefore, Resolved, That we appoint one or more members of this Conference to bear our Fraternal greeting and Christian Love to the next Yearly meeting of the Society of Friends, to be held next August, at High Point, North Carolina. Respectfully submitted.

W. G. Matton.
J. D. Roberson.
J. M Welborn.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Committee on Freedman's Aid Society beg leave to report: That they regard the work of this Society as of vital importance to the Church, composed as it is of many thousands of the colored race, not a few of whom honor the Church by devoted labors and pure lives, nor is the value of this labor confined to the Church. The community and the State, are all interested in the Christian education of our colored citizens, and for the most part, will readily perceive this when fairly presented. In view of the work which has been done by this Society already, and in its effort to measure up to the responsibility of our Church in the line of duty, it is the duty of this Conference to make earnest effort to meet our obligations to the Freedman's Aid Society.

We have also carefully considered the paper refered to us, and are fully satisfied that the small amount asked of us can be easily raised, provided, the great work of the Society and its importance is faithfully presented to our people.

Therefore, Resolved, That we accept the suggestion of the Society's, circular appended to this report, and request the Presiding Elders to apportion the amount to the different circuits, at once, if practicable.

And we pledge ourselves to present the claim fully, and to take a collection at the beginning of the Conference year, and forward to the Society. Respectfully submitted.

W. G Matton.
R. M. Witt.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We most cordially adopt the plan proposed by Dr. Vincent in regard to Sunday School Literature, and the organization of missionary societies in all our Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Conference, and hope that each preacher and supply in charge, will fully and effectually carry out the same in all their congregations and Sunday Schools.

And your committee further recommend the plan proposed to circulate Tracts in all our work in the Conference, and hope that such Tracts as are necessary to prompt our people in matters appertaining to the history, doctrines, polity and peculiararities of our church, may be put into circulation among them.

Therefore, Resolved, That collections be taken in all our congregations and Sunday Schools for the Sunday School Union and Tract cause during the month of May, 1884, and forwarded to the respective secretaries of the same. And that our preachers and supplies in charge organize missionary societies in their Sunday Schools.

W. F. Parker, for Com.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education of the M. E. Church, like Methodism itself, seems to be a child of Providence, and we as a Conference are in duty bound to use our utmost energies to support and maintain this benevolent institution.

Brown Seminary located at Leicester, in the Asheville District, while laboring under embarrassment, has been doing a praise-worthy and much needed work, and we take pleasure in commending it to the generous patronage of our people and the public at large, and expressing our gratitude to the Freedman's Aid Society for the help already afforded, and we recommend it to the further favorable consideration of that Society, and also to the Board of Education and to the philanthropic and benevolent throughout the entire church, believing there is no more worthy object upon which to bestow a portion of the Centennial offerings of Methodism, than the needy school of our Conference in a commonwealth where according to the late Census of the United States more than 81 per cent. of the native white population over ten years of age, are returned as unable to write. We also approve and appreciate the able and efficient manner in which it has been conducted by Professor Henry F. Kerron, A. M., the Principal.

We hear with pleasure of the great prosperity of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University at Athens, Tenn., having within its halls now about 270 students gathered from the various edjacent States. We look upon J. F. Spence, the President, as having done an inestimable work for our educational interests in the South, and as being eminently qualified for his position.

We rejoice to know that the authorities of the Freedman's Aid Society have purchased a site of ten acres of land in Chattanooga, at a cost of $30,000, on which to establish a University for the whites of the central south, and that arrangements have already been made for the erection of a building at a cost of $40,000.

W. F. Parker.

DR REID.

Resolved, That this Conference tender their thanks to Dr. J. M. Reid for his valuable services, and cordially invite him to attend our next Annual Conference.

DR. KYNETT.

Resolved, That we appreciate the valuable services of Dr. A. J. Kynett, and cordially invite him to attend our Conference whenever practicable.

DR. ARCHIBALD.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the services of Dr. F. A. Archibald, and cordially invite him to attend our Conference at its future sessions.

REV. T. C. CARTER.

Resolved, That we as a Conference most highly appreciate the services of our beloved Bro T. C. Carter, Editor of Methodist Advocate, and cordially invite him to attend our next Annual Conference.

W. F. Parker.

Resolved, That we hereby return our hearty thanks to the citizens

of Asheville who have so kindly entertained us in their homes, and that we will ever cherish a grateful memory of their hospitality..

Resolved That we have been delighted with the presidency of Bishop Bowman, and have been greatly pleased with, and profited by his pulpit and other services And we hereby tender him our heartfelt thanks, and shall ever be glad to welcome him among us.

W. G. Matton.

Resolved, That this Conference earnestly request the Board of Bishops to change the time for holding our Conference either to the Spring or early Fall.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and hereby tendered to the Pastors of the churches of Asheville for their courtesy and for the use of their pulpits, and that especial thanks are due the Pastor of the M. E. Church South for the courteous offer of his Church for our ordination service.

ELDERS.

This certifies that, assisted by several Elders, I have this day ordained David M. Clayton and William T. Ford, Elders in the Church of God.

Done at Asheville, North Carolina, February 3d, 1884.

THOS. BOWMAN.

DEACONS.

This certifies that I have this day ordained Adolphus Graybeal, William Q. A. Graham, John W. P. Barker, John R. Cannon, Francis W. Bradley and John D. Redwine, Deacons in the Church of God.

Done at Asheville, North Carolina, February, 3d 1884.

THOS BOWMAN.

No. I. STATISTICS FOR ASHEVILLE DISTRICT, BL

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths	No. of Children baptised.	No. of Adults baptised.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.								$		$	$				
Asheville,		11					1	2,250							
Leicester,	61	283	4	2	6	12	4	2,000			60			5	2
Hendersonville,	52	201	1	2	1		4	2,500						4	2
Bakersville,	15	225	2					500							
Pigeon River,	25	310	4	4	10			3,000	1	300	75				
Boone,	5	162	2					1,600						2	1
Catawba,	30	288	3	2		2	4	1,950						3	
Tryon Mountain,	12	123	1	3			1	300							
Marshall,		130	1				2	1,000						1	6
Clay and Murphy,	15	161	4	3	1		5	650						1	
Webster and Highlands,	27	139	2				1	1,000						4	20
Total.	242	2022	24	18	29	45	31	15,850	1	300					

LE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1884.

MEMBERS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			P. ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CL'M'S.	
Certificates.	No. received from Probation.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. removed with out Certificate.	No. withdrawn, expelled, or unknown,	No. of deaths.	No. of known members at the end of this year	Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or, House Rent.	Pastor's Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or, House Rent.	Deficiency.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.
							$	$	$	$ 5 75	$ 5.75	$	$	$	
						9	30.00	450.00		10.00	3 05				
					2	283	30.00	190.40	39.60	40.00	30.00				
3	20	4			2	201	20.00	143.70	36.30	30.00					
	22					225	50.00	95.00	55.00			.50	.50		
	20	6	2		4	310	30.00	240.00	60.00	25.00	20 00	2.00	1.00		
	8	1		1		162		103.00							
	2	1		3	3	288	25.00	67.50	57.50						
	8			10	3	123	50.00	150.00		7 50	7.50	.50	.50		
						130	00.00	25.00	75.00	20 00	19.00				
1	5	2		2	3	176	10.00	90.50	49.50	15.00	14.00	.50			
										10.00	4.80				
4	85	14	2	16	17	1838	3,75 00	1,515 10	643.34	732 55	672 35	3 50	2.00		
3	56	38	22	55	10	1742	2,20.00	1,379.55	537.81	638.00	502 37	19 00	.95	15.50	
1	29				7	154	1,65.00	136,55	105.53	94 50	19.98		1.05		
		24	20	59								15.50		15.50	

means mislaid, and the report is incomplete, but the total is correct.

NO. I. STATISTICS FOR GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for building & improving churches & parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers & Teachers
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.								$		$	$	$	$		
Antioch Circuit,	68	230	3	1	2	5	2	400						4	18
Jefferson Circuit,	116	490	5		9	8	6	2,00			100 00			5	25
Wilkesboro Circuit,	10	245	4	1	2	4	4	80						5	10
Mooksville Circuit,	10	276	3	1	6	4	6	2.50			65.00			3	13
Yadkinville Circuit,	16	194	1	2	2	12	5	1,12			25.00			2	17
Mt. Mitchell Circuit,	13	251	3	1	13	3	4	3,500			400 00			5	16
Forsyth and Guilford Circuits,		167	2			2	4	1.600			40.00	27.00		2	9
Uwharrie Circuit,	40	188	4	1	4	1	3	2,075	150	900.00				2	14
Gastonia Circuit,	104	356	2	2	19	29	10	7,000	450	750.00	54.25	100		6	32
Harker's Island Circuit,	117	256		10	20	12	2	8,000	000	354.45				4	37
Deep River Circuit,	8	50					3	800						1	5
Yadkin Valley Circuit,	6	28													
Total	508	2741	27	19	77	70	49	29,800	600	2,634.45	81.25	100		39	201
Total of Asheville District	242	2033	24	16	29	45	30	15,850	300	810.00				20	107
Grand Total	750	4774	51	35	106	115	79	45,650	900	3444 45	81.25	100		59	308
Grand Total of Last Year	510	4527	50	28	79	130	79	37,525	725	3361.00	41.00	675		47	248
Increase	240	247	1	7	27			8,125	175		40 25			12	60
Decrease						15				416.55		575			

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UE RIDGE CONFERENCE, 1884.

MEMBERS.						MIN	TERIAL SUPPORT		P. ELDER.		Bishops		ConCl'ms	
No. removed by Certificate.	No removed without Certificate.	No. withdrawn, expelled, or unknown.	No. of deaths	No. of known members at the end of this year.	Pastor's Claim, including rental value of Parson		Pastor's Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or, House Rent.	Deficiency.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.
				230	$		$ 104.00		$575.00	$ 575.00	2.00	$		
5		3		490			301.95		20.00	13.00	2.00			
				190			109.35	85.65	15.00	17.50	2.00	.25		
		1	1	270			120.00	5 00	15 00	8.00	2.00			
	1			194			106.81	19.19	20.00	5.50	2.00			
4		2	1	261			214.00	56.00	15.00	6.00	2.00			
		1		267			91.50	38 50	13.00	8.00	2 00	1.00		
			1	188			150.00	20.00	20.00	8.00	2 00			
2	8	16	2	356			255 00	230.00	20.00	15,00	2,00	2.00		
		14	10	375			480.00	120.00		4.50				
				50			31.00	19.00	10.00					
				28			10.00							
11	9	37	15	2805		1.50	1,973.61	593.34	741.00	660.50	18.00	3.25		
14	2	16	17	2033		1,93	1,837.15	410.15	753.50	720.59	3.50	2.00		
25	11	53	32	4838		4,4	2,730.76	1,003.49	1,499.50	1,381.09	21.50	5.25		
61	24	12	28	4027		4,4	3,133.46	1,166.42	1,508 00	1,410.42	28.50	6.70	15.50	$6
			4	811			402.70							
36	13	73						163.00	8.50	29.33	7.00	.45		

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"My wife became completely run down from overwork and care of a sick member of the household, and I entertained serious apprehensions as to her future. She was languid, pale, utterly exhausted, without appetite, and in a complete state of physical decline. And yet she did not, could not neglect her duties. I have seen her about the house, trying courageously to care for the ones she loved when I could tell, from the lines upon her face, how much she was suffering. At times she would rally for a day or two and then fall back into the state of nervous exhaustion she felt before. Her head pained her frequently, she was becoming bowed by pain and all hose or enjoyment in life seemed departed. What to do we could not tell. I resolved, however, to bring back her life and vitality if possible, and to this end I began to treat her myself. To my great relief her system has been toned up, her strength restored, her health completely recovered, and wholly by the use of Warner's Tippecanoe, which I regard as the greatest tonic, invigorator and stomach remedy that has ever been discovered. I was led to use it the more readily as I had tested the health-restoring properties of Warner's Safe Cure in my own person and I therefore knew that any remedy Mr. Warner might produce would be a valuable one. I have since recommended both Warner's Tippecanoe and Warner's Safe Cure to many of my friends, and I know several Doctors of Divinity as well as numerous laymen who are using both with great benefit.

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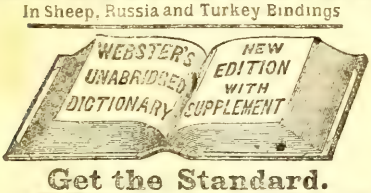

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1. Admission on Trial, ... Presiding Elder and Pastor.
2. First Year, ... W. T. Ford, D. M. Clayton.
3. Second Year, ... W. F. Parker, J. N. Barker.
4. Third Year, ... R. M. Witt, J. F. Woodfin.
5. Fourth Year, ... J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn.
6. Local Deacons and Elders for Orders, ... Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

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F. M. Presley, A. Q. Moore, R. M. Witt, and the Presiding Elders, *ex-officio.*

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON:

Adolphus Graybeal. *Alternate*—W. Q. A. Graham.

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE—Appointments.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT—J. D. Roberson, P. E., Gypsey, Hend'n. Co., N. C.

Asheville Circuit—D. M. Clayton, Avery's Creek, Buncombe Co., "

Bakersville Circuit—W. T. Ford, Bakersville, Mitchell County, "

Boone—E. J. Winkler, Banner Elk, Watauga county, N. C.

Catawba—Wiley Perry, Disartsville, N. C.

Clay and Murphy—David N. Franklin, Webster, Jackson county, N. C.

Cranberry—E. C. Reece, Elk Park, Mitchell county, N. C.

Henderson—Lorenzo D. Gillespie, Leicester, Buncombe county, N. C.

Leicester and Marshall—R. M. Witt, Leicester, Buncombe county, N. C.

Pigeon River—Suppl'd by E. H. Reynolds, Pigeon Valley, Haywood Co., N. C.

Pisgah—F. M. Presley, Busbee, Buncombe County, N. C.

Tryon Mountain—J. F. West, Spartanburg, S. C.

Webster and Highlands—J. H. Gillespie, Webster, Jackson county, N. C.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT—J. M. Welborn, P. E., Eagle Mills, N. C.

Alexander—A. H. People, Catawba, N. C.

Antioch—F. A. L. Clark, China Grove, N. C.

Forsythe and Gilford—N. M. Cooper, Winston, N. C.

Gastonia—W. Q. A. Graham, Gaston county, N. C.

Harkers Island—J. R. Cannon, Smyrna, Carterett county, N. C.

Jefferson—J. N. Barker, Mouth of Buffalo, Ashe county, N. C.

Mocksville—A. Graybeal, Eagle Mills, Iredell county, N. C.

Mount Mitchell—W. F. Parker, Concord, Cabarrus county, N. C.

New River—Robert L. Sell.

Uwariah—H. D. Christenberry, Huntersville, Mecklenburg county, N. C.

Wilkesboro—C. W. Smith, Wilkesboro, Wilkes county, N. C.

Yadkinville—A. J. Johnson, Yadkinville, Yadkin county, N. C.

J. W. P. Barker was left without an appointment in order that he may attend one of our schools.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS:

1. *Who are received by transfer ?*—None.
2. *Who are admitted on trial ?*—Wiley Perry, E. J. Winkler, David N. Franklin, E. C. Reece, Lorenzo D. Gillespie, J. H. Gillespie, C. M. Smith, A. J. Johnson, A. H. Peoples, Robert L. Sell.
3. *Who remain on Trial ?*—F. A. L. Clark and H. D. Christenberry.
4. *Who are discontinued ?*—None.
5. *Who are received into full connection ?*—None.
6. *Who are re-admitted ?*—None.
7. *Who are received on credentials ?*—None.
8. } *What traveling preachers have been elected and ordained*
9. } *Deacons ?*—None.
10. } *What local preachers have been elected and ordained Dea-*
11. } *cons ?*—Wiley Perry, David N. Franklin and A. H. Peoples.
12. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the First-Class ?*—J. W. P. Barker.
13. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the Second-Class ?*—A. Graybeal, F. M. Presley, J. R. Cannon, W. Q. A. Graham, N. M. Cooper.
14. } *What traveling Deacons have been elected and ordained*
15. } *Elders ?*—None.
16. } *What local Deacons have been elected and ordained Elders ?*—
17. } None.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ?*—J. F. Woodfin, A. F. English.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?*—J. W. Naylor.
20. *Was the character of each Preacher examined ?*—This was done in open Conference.
21. *Have any died ?*—None.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference ?*—W. G. Matton to West Virginia Conference.
23. *Have any withdrawn ?*—None.
24. *Have any been located at their own request ?*—None.
25. *Have any been located ?*—None.
26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges ?*—None.
27. *Have any been expelled ?*—None
28. *Who are selected to be the Triers of Appeals ?*—W. F. Parker, J. N. Barker, W. T. Ford, R. M. Witt, D. M. Clayton, J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn.
29. *What is the Statistical Report for this year ?*—See Statistical tables.
30. } *What are the claims on the Conference Fund ?*—See Steward's
31. } report.
32. *Where are the Preachers stationed ?*—See Conference Appointments.
33. *Where shall the next Conference be held ?*—Gastonia, N. C.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS:

FIRST DAY.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
PIGEON VALLEY, N. C.,
FEBRUARY 12, '85.

THE Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the M. E. Church at Pigeon Valley, at 9 a. m., February 12th, 1885, for its Sixth Session, Bishop E. G. Andrews, D. D., presiding.

In opening the Conference the Bishop read parts of chapters 2, 3 and 4 of Phillipians, and announced the 822d hymn, after the singing of which he led the Conference in a very earnest prayer.

James D. Roberson, Secretary of the last Session, called the roll and eleven of the members failed to answer to their names.

J. D. Roberson was elected Secretary of the Conference and W. Q. A. Graham Statistical Secretary.

The time for meeting was fixed at 9 a. m., and 12:30 p. m. for adjournment, the first 30 minutes to be spent in a prayer meeting.

J. D. Roberson and J. M. Welborn were appointed a committee to nominate the standing committees and presented the following report which was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

PUBLIC WORSHIP—R. M. Witt; J. D. Roberson.
TEMPERANCE—J. R. Cannon, A. Graybeal, W. Q. A. Graham.
AUDITING—J. N. Barker, J. R. Cannon.
CONFERENCE RELATIONS—J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn.
EDUCATION—A. Graybeal, D. M. Clayton, R. M. Witt, J. M. Welborn, W. Q. A. Graham.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.—W. T. Ford A. F. English, J. D. Roberson.
BIBLE CAUSE—W. F. Parker, F. M. Presley, D. N. Franklin.
FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY—J. M. Welborn, W. Q. A. Graham, W. F. Parker.
CHURCH LITERATURE—W. Q. A. Graham, N. M. Cooper, J. N. Barker.
MISSIONS—The Presiding Elders.
CONFERENCE STEWARDS—J. R. Cannon, J. M. Welborn.
TREASURER—W. T. Ford.
N. Z. BOOK ACCOUNTS—D. M. Clayton.

The Bishop stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for $30 and on the Book Concern for $22, and drafts for both amounts were ordered.

The Bishop read a paper concerning the Statistical reports, and it was passed to the Statistical Secretary. A paper from the Book Concern was read and referred to the committee on Church Literature. A communication from the Board of Education was referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of W. F, Parker, a committee on Church Extension was raised, consisting of J. D. Roberson, W. F. Parker and J. M. Welborn.

Question Eighteenth was taken up. J. F. West and A. Graybeal were called, their characters passed, and they were made effective. J. W. P. Barker was made effective and the Bishop was requested to leave him without an appointment to attend one of our schools. A. F. English was called and the Presiding Elder stated that the investigating committee ordered by last Conference had been convened, and did not find the evidence sufficient to sustain the charges, whereupon the Conference, by motion, passed his character, and he was continued in the Supernumerary relation.

The Nineteenth Question was taken up. J. W. Naylor was called, and J. D. Roberson, Presiding Elder of Asheville District, read a letter from him and also one from A. J. Barton, his pastor in Bagly, Iowa, and he was continued in the list of the superannuates.

Conference adjourned, the doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY—Friday, February 13, 1885.

Conference convened at 9 a. m., the Bishop in the chair. W. F. Parker, conducted the devotional exercises. The roll was called and four brethren, who were absent yesterday, answered to their names, and the further calling of the roll was discontinued. The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Rev. T. C. Carter, editor of the *Methodist Advocate*, Chattanooga, Tenn., was introduced to the Conference.

Question Twentieth was considered. J. D. Roberson, Presiding Elder of the Asheville District, was called, his character passed and he presented a report of his district. D. M. Clayton, R. M. Witt were called and their characters passed. W. G. Matton was announced as having been transferred to the West Virginia Conference.

J. M. Welborn was called, his character passed, and he presented an encouraging report of the Greensboro District. W. T.

Ford, W. F. Parker and J. N. Barker were called and their characters passed.

Rev. T. C. Carter addressed the Conference in a very interesting way concerning Church Literature and the *Methodist Advocate.*

The committees were called, several announcements were made and the Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Andrews.

THIRD DAY--SATURDAY, FEB. 14TH.

Conference met at the usual hour, the Bishop in the Chair. J. N. Barker led in the devotional service. The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The Third Question was taken up, and H. D. Christenberry was continued on trial, not having pssed the first year's course of study. F. A. L. Clark was also continued on trial, not having passed the first year's course of study.

Under the consideration of Question Thirteenth F. M. Presley, Adolphus Graybeal, J. R. Cannon, N. M. Cooper, W. Q. A. Graham and J. F. West were passed as Deacons of the Second Class. J. W. P. Barker was continued as a Deacon of the First Class.

Question Tenth was considered and David N. Franklin, Wiley Perry and F. A. L. Clark were elected to Deacons' Orders.

Sixteenth Question was called, but under that head there was nothing to be done.

Question Third was taken up and Adolphus J. Johnson, Wiley Perry, Robert L. Sell, David N. Franklin, Columbus W. Smith, Lorenzo D. Gillespie, Jessie H. Gillespie, Edward J. Winkler, Emanuel C. Reece and Alexander H. Peeples, having been duly recommended, examined in the studies required and favorably represented by their Presiding Elders, were admitted into the Conference on trial.

The Bishop delivered unto the Conference a most able and timely address concerning the work of the christian ministry and especially the Methodist ministry.

On motion, the Board of Bishops were requested to fix the time for holding this conference in October, if it can be done, and if not then, to have it in mid-summer.

Gastonia was selected as the place for holding the next Conference.

W. F. Parker read the report of the committee on the Bible Cause, which was adopted. He presented also the report of the committee on the Freedman's Aid Society, which was adopted. The report of the committee on Church Literature was presented

by W. Q. A. Graham and was adopted, after an excellent speech on the subject of the report by Rev. T. C. Carter.

A Graybeal read the report of the committee on Education. W. F. Parker and W. T. Ford spoke on the subject of the report after which it was adopted.

J. R. Cannon presented the report of the committee on Temperance, and it was adopted.

On motion of J. M. Welborn, the committee appointed last year to locate a school east of the Blue Ridge was continued for the ensuing year.

D. M. Clayton and W. T. Ford were appointed a committee on Postoffices. Several announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY—March Feb. 16, 1885.

Conference convened at the hour appointed, the Bishop in the chair. N. M. Cooper conducted the devotional service. The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved. J. D. Roberson read the report of the committee on Church Extension and it was adopted.

J. R. Cannon presented the report of the Conference Stewards which was adopted as follows :

Claims against the Conference fund, $52; received of Chartered Fund, $30; of Book Concern, $22. Distributed—J. W. Maylor paid to the Secretary $22; J. N. Barker paid to himself, $10; D. D. Clayton paid tohimself, $10; F. M. Presley paid to himself $10.

W. Q. A. Graham read the report of Statistics.

J. N. Barker read the report of the Auditing committee and the same was adopted. The Secretary read the report of the Fraternal Delegate to the Society of Friends and it was ordered filed with the Conference papers.

Question Tenth was recurred to and Alexander H. Peeples was elected to Deacons' Orders and the Bishop proceeded to ordain him.

The Bishop presented certificates of ordinations. He also announced the committees for the ensuing year—the Board of Church Extension and the Triers of Appeals, and they were confirmed.

J. D. Roberson presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Examining committees and the candidates to be examined be required to meet at 9 a. m., at the seat of our next Conference, on the day previous to the meeting of the Conference, and to spend the day in examining the Classes.

W. F. Parker read a paper concerning the location of a school at Clyde, and the same, after being amended was adopted.

W. T. Ford read the report of the committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts, and it was adopted. Several resolutions were passed.

Rev. T. C. Carter addressed the Conference in the interest of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University.

Jas. D. Roberson read the report of the committee on Missions.

The Bishop addressed the Conference in a very appropriate and tender manner, then led in an able and touching prayer, after which he read the appointments. The journal having been read and approved, the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

I, J. D. Roberson, hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct record of the doings of the Sixth Session of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference.

E. G. ANDREWS, PRESIDENT.

JAMES D. ROBERSON, Secretary.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, Good and respectable houses of worship are essential to the growth, prosperity and permanency of the church, and to the development of the highest type of christians and christian workers, and,

WHEREAS, Many of our Classes are now destitute of suitable houses for divine worship, and,

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has in the past greatly aided us and others all over the country in the erection of churches; therefore,

RESOLVED 1. That we feel encouraged to see that the spirit of building is taking possession of our people in so many places, and we do respectfully and earnestly urge upon our membership throughout the bounds of the Conference not to be content until every society is furnished with neat and comfortable church.

RESOLVED 2. That the members of this Conference will use our utmost endeavors to secure the erection of good churches in every community where we have organizations.

RESOLVED 3. That we will preach on Church Extension or the necessity of building houses of worship and take a collection for the same at all our preaching places.

RESOLVED 4. That in the erection of new churches we will use the Plans furnished by the Board of Church Extension. [Write to Rev. A. J. Kynett, D. D., 1026 Arch st., Philadelphia, Pa., for catalogue of Church Plans before beginning to build.]

RESOLVED 5. That the Conference Board of Church Extension for this Conference be and is hereby instructed not to approve applications for aid from the Parent Board for more than one-fifth of the entire cost of the houses for which aid is asked, when such houses are completed.

JAMES D. ROBERSON, Chairman.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT—No. I.

WHEREAS, The prosperity of the church, the morals of the country and the conditions or social life depend to a great extent on the mental culture of the young people; therefore,

RESOLVED 1. That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, will preach a sermon on the subject of education to all our congregations, and urge the importance of a higher standard of education, and insist on the necessity of present and personal effort.

RESOLVED 2. That we will work in the interest of the Seminaries located one at Eagle Mills and the other at Leicester, and that we will regard ourselves as agents for the schools.

REPORT NO. II.

WHEREAS, There is no building at Eagle Mills and we have been necessitated to rent the Masonic Hall, and as we regard the permanent prosperity of the school to depend to a certain extent on the steps taken to build a house; therefore, we recommend that arrangements be made at the earliest practical period for building a house at this place. A. GRAYBEAL, Chairman.

REPORT NO. III.

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elder of Asheville District and the preacher in charge of Pigeon Valley circuit, and the Trustees of the M. E. church, at this place be, and they are, hereby requested to organize themselves into a Board of Managers or Executive committee to locate and establish a High School or Seminary at or near Pigeon Valley, or Clyde; and,

RESOLVED 2. That we recommend that if suitable encouragement be given the above named Board of Managers, or Executive Committee, procure the services of competent teachers and open said school in the church at the earliest possible day and continue the same until suitable buildings can be erected.

W. F. PARKER.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We most cordially adopt the plan proposed by Rev. J. H. Vincent, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union of the M. E Church, in regard to Sunday School Literature and the organization of Missionary Societies in all our Sunday Schools in the bounds of this Conference, and we urge that each pastor and supply in charge fully and effectually carry out the same in all our congregations and Sabbath schools. And further, your committee recommends the plan for the circulation of tracts in our societies and work in the bounds of this Conference.

RESOLVED 1. That each preacher take a collection for both of these societies during the coming year.

RESOLVED 2. That we will organize all our Sunday Schools into missionary Societies.

RESOLVED 3. That we will use the Literature of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church.

RESOLVED 4. That we will organize our own Sunday School place where practicable. W. T. FORD, Chairman.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

It is unnecessary for your committee to say anything in regard to the history and efficiency of this important institution of the church, when we consider the hundreds and thousands of human beings brought from the humblest walks of society to the full status of manhood and womanhood and to the fuller and more exalted condition of being men and women in Christ Jesus, we then begin to see some of the invaluable fruitage of this institution of the church; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we as a Conference will do all we can to promote the various interests of this Society, and take and forward the collections as required by the General Conference. W. F. PARKER.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, The Book Concern of the Methodist Episcopal Church furnishes ample supplies of books, papers, tracts and Sabbath School Literature; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we will do all we can to influence our people to supply themselves with our Church Literature so that every family may be supplied with one or more of our church papers.

RESOLVED 2. That we unanimously endorse the "Methodist Advocate" as our local Conference organ. W. Q. A. GRAHAM.

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, The blighting effects of the use of intoxicating liquors and various narcotics are clearly seen, and becoming more dominal in the minds of the people; therefore.

Resolved, That we devote at least one service to the cause of Temperance at each appointment during the year.

Resolved 2. That we endorse the work of the Sons of Temperance in this State and recommend our people to co-operate in the great work of discouraging the use of intoxicants and aid in destroying this great evil of the land.

Resolved 3. That we will discourage the use of tobacco both in public and private. J. R. GANNON, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

BISHOP ANDREWS.

Resolved, That this Conference tender their grateful thanks to Bishop E. G. Andrews for that christian and manly courtesey and high order of executive ability so nobly exhibited in conducting the business of our Annual Conference; that we will be happy to have him visit us again.

REV. T. C. CARTER.

Resolved, That we as a Conference have been delighted and profited by the presence and addresses of Rev. T. C. Carter, editor of the "Methodist Advocate," and we cordially invite him to attend our next Session.

COLLECTIONS.

Resolved, That in raising our collections for missions we will take the names of all contributors and the amount each contributes, and bring the lists to our next Conference for publication in our minutes.

MINUTES.

Resolved, That we adopt the same plan as last year for the publication of our minutes.

PEOPLE OF PIGEON VALLEY.

Resolved, That our sincerest thanks are due and hereby tendered to the people of Pigeon Valley and vicinity for the generous hospitality with which they have entertained us during this Conference session.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that at Pigeon Valley N. C., on the 15th day of February, A. D., 1885, David N. Franklin and Wiley Perry, and on the 16th day of February, Alexander H. Peeples, were ordained to the office of Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, by the undersigned.

EDW. G. ANDREWS.

PIGEON VALLEY, N. C., Feb. 16, 1885.

CONFERENCE STATISTICS. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES	MEMBERSHIP. Number of Probationers	Number of Full Members	Number of Local Preachers	Number of Deaths	BAPTISM. Number of Children Baptized	Number of Adults Baptized	CHURCH PROPERTY. Number of Churches	Probable Value	Number of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses—Sexton, light, fuel, &c., &c.
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.														
Asheville	.....	11	...				1	$ 2250	...	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Bakersville	53	210	1		3	4	4	1050	...	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Boone	9	151	2	1	5	1	3	1600	...	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	....
Catawba	39	204	2	6	8	14	3	550	..	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Clay and Murphy	15	160	4	2		.....	5	600	...	...	.....	.....	..	.....
Henderson	10	175	1	1	9	.....	2	1500	..	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Leicester	72	305	5	3	5	19	4	1500	..	.....	$ 50	.....	.....	.....
Marshall	4	160	2	4	4	2	1	600	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pigeon River	20	320	3	4	2	8	4	3100	1	$ 800	300	.....	.....	.....
Tryon Mountain	14	126		1	1	2	2	950	...	.....	.	.....	.....	.....
Webster & Highlands	27	139	2		1	.....	1	1000	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	283	2189	22	22	38	50	30	$27400	1	$800	$150	.....	...	.....
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.														
Antioch	30	283	1		.....	19	3	$ 700	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deep River	15	53	1	2	.....	2	2	800	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forsythe & Guilford	11	174	4		1	.....	4	1700	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gastonia	103	285	1	3	14	2	7	6500	1	$450	$228	.....	.....	.....
Harkers Island	101	281	1	5	26	17	3	3000	1	1000	800	.....	....	$ 26
Jefferson	195	583	7	2	24	43	6	2000	...	.....	150	.....	.....	.....
Mocksville	28	224	3	2	2	19	6	2200	...	....	25	.....	....	....
Mount Mitchell	52	383	4	3	30	16	9	5350	...	.....	285	.....	$ 48	.....
Uwarlah	34	180	4	2	5	4	4	2000	1	150	275	25	75	.....
Wilkesborough	15	104	3	2	2	6	5	1500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yadkinville	12	198	3	1	4	7	5	1135	...	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
Total	536	2841	31	22	108	135	55	$32385	3	1600	1783	$ 25	$123	$ 26
Total of Asheville Dist	283	2139	22	22	38	50	30	27400	1	800	150	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total	879	4980	54	44	146	185	85	59785	4	1900	1933	25	123	2606
Grand Total last year	750	4774	51	35	103	115	79	45650	4	1900	3444	81	100	4500
Increase	129	206	3	9	40	70	6	14135	...	....	....	.....	23	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1511	56	.....	1990

CONFERENCE STATISTICS. 2.

SUNDAY S.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTERIAL SUPP'T.		
			For Missions.													
Number of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars of all ages	From Churches,	From Sunday Schools,	Total,	For Board of Church Extension,	For Sunday School Union,	For Tract Society,	For Freedmen's Aid Society,	For Education,	For American Bible Society,	For Woman's For'gn. Miss. Soc'ty.	Other Collections,	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops,	For Conference Claimants,	
			$ 3 00		$ 3 00	$ 50								105 50		
2	5	65	3 00		3 00	1 50								69 10		
3	20	110	19 00		19 00	50		50		50				167 60		
			5 50		5 50	2 00			1 00					65 10		
3	10	140	14 50		14 50	1 00								173 50		
4	16	125	15 50		15 50	3 50	$ 50		1 50			50		192 21		
			2 98		2 98	2 35								105 45		
		50	5 00		5 00	2 00	1 00		2 00		25			242 00		
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		100														
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2	10	130	$10 00		$10 00	$ 50	$ 50						$ 8 00	25 75		
1	4	31	81		81									22 50		
2	12	80	30		30									26 60		
4	16	225	23 05		23 05	1 70		1 70			1 70			93 35		
5	42	320	5 00		5 00	4 00	2 00	1 00		2 00	1 00			42 00		
6	28	300	30 00		30 00	1 00	50						7 50	258 00		
7	42	300	2 77	$ 1 23	4 00								7 50	108 50		
7	28	350	40 00	5 20	45 20	3 50	1 00	1 00	75	36	50			261 72		
4	25	160	5 00		5 00	1 00	25				25			140 00		
4	16	114	3 00		3 00	50	50						8 00	22 85		
2	10	150	11 00		11 00	1 00	25						3 00	167 00		
44	233	2160	130 93	$ 6 43	137 36	$13 20	5 00	3 70	75	2 36	3 45		$34 00	$1164 27		
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CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. PASTORS. Claims, incl'g Ho. rent, or rental value Pars'nges	Receipts includ'g House rent or rental value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies,	P. E'S. Apportioned,	Paid,	BISHOPS. Apportioned,	Paid,
Asheville Dist.								
Asheville,					$ 12		2 00	
Bakersville,	J. P. Matney,	$100	$75 00	$25 00	30	$30 00	2 25	50
Boone,	E. C. Reece,	100	55 00	45 00	16	13 10	1 25	1 00
Catawba,	Wiley Perry,	200	147 50	54 50	16	19 00	1 25	50
Clay and Murphy,	D. N. Franklin	140	61 50	78 50	15	3 50	1 65	
Henderson,	J. F. Woodfiin	200	150 00	50 00	28	23 00	3 00	1 00
Leicester,	D. M. Clayton,	290	170 00	120 00	40	21 65	3 50	56
Marshall,	F. M. Presley,	150	89 75	60 25	25	15 60	3 00	10
Pigeon River,	R. M. Witt,	276	216 00	60 00	15	15 00	3 50	1 00
Tryon Mountain,	J. R. Cannon,	100	47 30	52 70	12	9 61	1 50	
Webster–Highland	J. A. Matheson,					6 40		
Total,		1456	1012 05	543 95	$209	157 46	2270	4 66
Greensboro Dist.								
Antioch,	J. N. Barker,	$ 75	$ 17 35	$57 65	$ 15	$ 3 40	2 00	50
Deep River,	W. Davis,	70	21 00	49 00	10	1 50	2 00	
Forsythe–Guilford,	A. H. Peeples,	75	26 60	48 40	12			
Gastonia,	F. A. Bradley,	250	88 35	161 65	15	5 00		
Harker's Island,	W. F. Parker,	600	41 00	559 00				
Jefferson,	W Q A Graham	280	228 00	52 00	20	15 00	1 00	1 00
Mocksville,	N. M. Cooper,	200	100 50	99 50		8 00		
Mount Mitchell,	W. T. Ford,	335	252 72	72 24	20	9 00		
Uwariah,	F. A. L. Clark,	200	140 00	60 00	20		2 00	
Wilkesborough,	J. N. Barker,	75	20 00	55 00	10	2 35	2 00	50
Yadkinville,	J. E. Winkler,	150	86 00	64 00	15	8 70	2 00	
Total,		2310	1021 52	1278 44	$137	$52 95	11	2 00

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EXHORTERS.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

David Anderson, Exhorter, Notla, Cherokee county, N. C.
Samuel Bell, Local Preacher, Brass, Towns county, Ga.
T. F. Bird, L. P., Boilston, Henderson county, N, C.
M. W. Broyles, Exhorter, Leicester, Buncombe county, N. C.
J. W. Calhoun, Exhorter, Plum Tree, Mitchell county, N. C.
Isaac Clark, Exhorter, Pigeon River, Haywood county, N. C.
Alfred Cobb, D., Beaver, Cherokee county, N. C.
T. J. Dawson, Exhorter, Black Mountain, Buncombe Co., N. C.
William Earley, Exhauster, Disartsville, McDowell county, N. C.
Thomas Evans, D., Pigeon River, Haywood county, N. C.
J. C. Evans, L. P., Black Mountain, Buncombe county, N. C.
Gutherage Garland, Exhorter, Red Hill, Mitchell county, N. C.
L. T. Gillespie, L. P., Franklin, Macon county, N. C.
Solomon Hoyle, D , Shoups Ford, Burke county, N. C.
James Ledford, D., Elf, Clay county, N. C.
Dr. S. M. Massey, L. P., Leicester, Buncombe county, N. C.
J. P. Matney. D., Bamboo, Watauga county, N. C.
Andrew McClure, Exhorter, Shooting Creek, Clay county, N. C.
Gabriel Owens, Exhorter, Disartsville, McDowell Co., N. C.
J. M. Propes, Exhorter, Brindletown, Burke county, N. C.
Alfred Rominger, D., Valley Cruse, Watauga county, N. C.
Lewis Rominger, Exhorter, Banner Elk, Watauga Co., N. C.
Smith Rominger, Exhorter, Banner Elk, Watauga Co., N. C.
E. H. Reynolds, L. P., Pigeon Valley, Haywood Co., N. C.
A. G. Slagle, L. P., Red Hill, Mitchell county, N. C.
J. G. Trull, Exhorter, Old Fort, McDowell county, N. C.
William P. West, Exhorter, Leicester, Buncombe county, N. C.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM JEFFERSON CIRCUIT.

M. S. Knight, $1; J. H. Rominger, $1; Eli Graybeal, $1; Calvin Graybeal, $1; Cicero Graybeal, $1; Hiram Weaver, $1; E. Graybeal, $1; Mrs. W. H. Perkins, $1; E. G. Roark, 75c; J. F. Matney, 50c; J. H. Tyre, 50c; David Price, 50c; J. Graybeal, 50c; William Graybeal, 50c; Jonathan Osborn, 50; Marian Goss, 50c; C. Graybeal, 50c; Maggie Blair, 50c; David Graybeal, 50; Isaiah Jones, 50c; Joseph Graybeal, 50; Jonathan Nelson, 50c; D. Graybeal, 50c; D. L. Graybeal, 35c; Emma Roark, 25c; Jonathan Roark, 25c; D. F. Cole, 25c; Elizabeth Roark, 25c; Louisa Knight, 25c; Mary Tyre, 25c; Fannie Barlow, 25c; M E. Osborn, 25c; Johnson Roark, 25c; Nancy Barlow, 25c; Daniel Mock, 25c; John Graybeal, 25c; Sarah Taylor, 25c; Absalom Roark, 25c; Lafayett Tucker, 25c; W. L. Tucker, 25c; D. M. Graybeal, 25c; C. W. Smith, 25c; W. H. Osborn, 25c; John Graybeal, 25c; Elihu Graybeal, 25c; Rufus Graybeal, 25c; James Ashley, 25c; Harvy Pennington, 25c; John Calhoun, 25c; H. H. Calhoun, 25c; D. V. Rash, 25c; Hilton Farmer, 25c; J. Roark, 25c; Henry Osborn, 25c; F. M. Miller, 25c; Elizabeth Robinson, 25c; William Graybeal, 25c; Wyatt Rose, 35; Levi Eldridge, 25; Sherman Graybeal, 25c; Jerome Ashley, 25c; Henry Johnson, 25c; Wm. Wood, 25c, Calvin Johnson, 25c; Willie Graybeal, 25c; Jessie Miller, 25c; W. C. Wright, 25c; Aris McNeil, 25c; David Perkins, 25; J. F. Faw, 25c; B. Gambill, 25c; Harvy Ashley, 25c; Ambrose Miller, 25c; W. S. Eastridge, 25c; J. L. Osborn, 25c; Barnabas Eastridge, 25; David Eastridge, 25c; Mary Payne, 25c; James Payne, 25c; Joel Eastridge, 25c; A. L. Osborn, 10c; Jane Jones, 10c; J. P. Osborn, 10c; N. P. Canter, 10c; M. Roark, 10c; Marion Taylor, 10c; Nancy Osborn, 10c; Marion Barr, 10c; Nora Tyre, 5c; Milly Tyre, 5c; T. M. Calhoun, 5c; Charlotte Leak, 5c; John Owens, 5c. Total amount $31.15.

LEICESTER CIRCUIT.

E. West, $1; A. M. Gudger, $1; Eller Martain, $1; W. M. Smith, 50c; W A Long, 50c; Elijah Sharp, 50c; J B Luther, 50c; M E Guffey, 50c; A H Reed, 50c; J P Sharp, 50c; J W Bryson, 50c; F E. White, 50c; P. A. Rodgers, A E Swaim, 50c; W. M. Dover, 50c; J. W. Gillespie, 50c; Careline Clark, 25c; R B Moore, 25c; Joseph Creasman, 25c; John Clark, 25c; L D Gillespie, 25c; James Hayes, 25c; Charley Cantirel, 25c; S L Crockett, 25c; J P Sharp, 25c; Joseph Penley, 25c; H B James, 25c; W A Gillespie, 25c; J M Clark, 25c, John Carpender, 25c; E H Reynolds, 25c; W N A Jennison, 25c; E C Miller, 25c; W P Warren, 25c; J I Miller, 25c; D H Warren, 25c; L A Miller, 25c; R P Warren, 25c; N A Jennison, 25c; S M Nichols, 25c; J L Randall, 25c; C B Meadows, 25c; W R Haw-

kins, 25c; W R West, 25c; WesternShook, 25c; A H Roberson, 25c; P L Rodgers, 25c; J P Meadows, 25c; H L Roberson, 25c; J A Roberson, 25c; Elizabeth Rodgers, 25c; C B Meadows, 25c; P M Warren, 30c; E J Aldreds, 30c; M M Roberson, 30c; C. Stevens, 15c; Rebecca Swame, 15c; Mollie Gillespie, 10c; Hariet Carpenter, 10c; B F Sprinkles, 10c; M A Smathers, 10c; Joseph Miller 10c; M L Daniel, 10c; Nancy C Herren, 10c; E L Meadows, 10c; S A Reynolds, 10c; Noah Gillespie, 5c; Epie West, 5c; Nellie Gillespie, 5c; Janie Gillespie, 5c; W Meadows, 5c; S L Meadows, 5c; R W Meadows, 5c; Dory B White, 5c; Eddy White, 1c; Wiley Ownbey, 5c; Winton Ownbey, 5c; Eula Ownbey, 5c; Ernest Ownbey, 5c; Maud Ownbey, 5c; Charles Ownbey, 5c; J Luther, 50c; Jas Hays, 25c. Total $22.06.

D. M. CLAYTON, P. C.

MT. MITCHELL CIRCUIT.

Jacob Keener, $2; Lucinda Keener, $1.50; Henry Keener, $1; J. M Kid, $1; W S Hall, $1; S L Ford, $1; E H Christenberry, $1; A F Moore, $1; J I Brigman, $1; M S Edwards, $1; A J Benson, $1; J D Redwin, $1; Jane Keener, 50c; J H Ballard, 50c; M W Roberson, 50c; Jane Keener, 50c; Joseph Bast, 50c; Adam Dry, 50c; J W Moore, 50c; S A Jordan, 50c; John Christenberry, 50c; Jas F Ferrell, 50c; J D Watts, 50c; J P Fite, 50c; W G Watts, 50c; W G Ferrell, 50c; J A Kerns, 50c; J H Scersey, 50c; C W Alexander. 50; P G Cook, 50c; D D Alexander, 50c; J S Patterson, 50c; J D F Murph, H D Pliler, 50c; D E Ridenhour, 50c, Tobias Pliler; 50c; Henry Keener Jr, 25c; Kate I Roberson, 25c; A H Peeples, 25c; Elizabeth Dry, 25c; Julia Dry, 25c; W H E Hopkins, 25c; E J Wasner, 25c; H D Christenberry, 25c; T R Alexander, 25c; W W Gray, 25c; W A McCall, 25c; J S Ferrell, 25c; M M Christenberry, 25c; A F Jordan, 25c; T M Yost, 25c; F M Sapp, 25c; D M Phillips, 25c; C P Cline, 25c; J M Shine, 25c; J B W Yost, 25c; W J Alexander, 25c; T L Hileman. 25c; R F Cline, 25c; Sarah Josey, 25c; Elizabeth Green, 25c; G W Green, 25c; A M Cooke, 25c; A J Winecoff, 25c; M A Peatre, 25c; M Lunnley, 25c; M E Daywalt, 25c; M J Peatre, 25c; John Wagner, 25c; Phillip Selle, 25c; D F Culp, 25c; L T Earnheart, 25c; M A Troutman, 25c; D H Cody, 25c; M L Earnheart 25c; J L Miller, 25c; R M McKinsie, 25c; J H Neal 25c; L H Keener, 25c; W A Murray, 25c; J L Yost, 20c; Paul J Sides, 15c; D D Green, 25c; Luther Keener, 10c; Adolphus Keener, 10c; James Keener, 10c; Maggie Keener, 10c; Mary Keener, M E Keener, 10c; Mattie Keener, 10c; Abner Keener, 10c; Elizrbeth Dry, 10c; J A Uunderwood, 10c; S T Carter, 10c; T M Christenberry, 10c; A V Sopp, 10c; Ida Brantley, 10c; Addie Benson, 15c; Florence Brantley, 10c; Julia Patterson, 10c; M C Goarley, 10c; C A Lipe, 10c; J M Clark, 10c; C J Benson, 10c, C Cash, 10c; J M Cline, 10c; Adaline Yost, 10c; M E Daywalt, 10c; Lula Sides, 10c; W A Ashby, 10c; G A Patterson, 10c; L A Propes, 10c; Julia Patterson, 10c; E L Miller, 10c; S M De-

mont, 10c; S A Lowery, 20c; F H Miller, 10c; John F Miller, 10c; R C Miller, 10c; Milly A Troutman, 15c; Elizar Cody, 10c; Cash, 35c; R P Edwards, 10c; M D Edwards, 10c; R J Edwards, 10c; Fannie Skeener, 5c; Phillip Ballard, 5c; David Keener, 5c; Eugene Edwards, 4c; M W Crawford, 5c; J R Daywalt, 5c; J B Patterson, 5c; M F Yast, 5c; C L Brantley, 5c; Anna Yast, 5c; Effie J Benson, 5c; M A Sides, 5c; Jennie Daywalt, 2c; Iver Cooke, 1c; Willmer Cooke, 1c.

W. T. FORD, P. C.

YADKINVILLE CIRCUIT.

W A Flemming, $1.75; Frankie Flemming, $1; Annie Flemming; 10c; E F Flemming, 25c; M M Taylor, 25c; Abner Bagby, 60c; Lucinda Bagby, 20c; J Holcombe, 25c; Rev C F Cassterens, 25c; Jane Bryant, 25c; N J Casstevens, 10c; Reed Botes, 5c, Rev Wm Bryant, 25c; M H Bryant, 50c; Lucinda Redding, 10c; Mary Redding, 10c; D M Redding, 10c; J A Pordene; W H Redding, 10c; N O Casey, 10c; M E Bagby, 10c; Resia Bryant, 10c; Belle Wooten, 25c; John Hinshaw, 10c; T R Minish, 10c; Sarah Hinshaw, 10c; Victoria Vestal, 25c; S J Minish, 10c; Rev George Farrington, 10c; J W Bryant, 50c; E J West, 20c; W W Southord, 25c; H M Welborn, 25c; J T A Welborn, 10c; N E Thomasson, 10c; G P Johnson, 20c; S A Johnson, 50c; M H Vestal, 25c; S M Johnson, 15c; E J Norman, 50c; A Welborn, 25c; J L Tulburt, 25c; N Brown, 10c; M C Hinshaw, 25c; Mollie Bagby, 15c; S M Bagby, 55c; Annie Welborn, 10.

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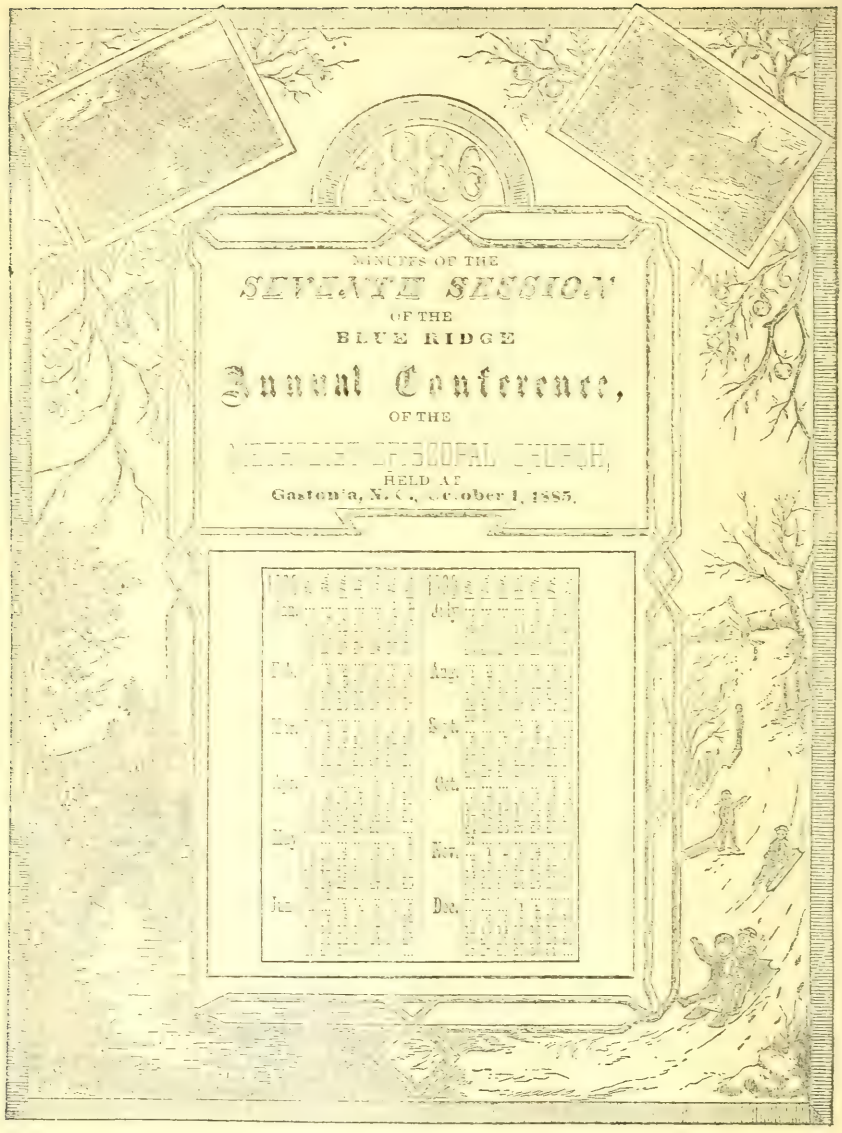
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ORGANIZATION.

Officers of the Conference:

REV. BISHOP WILLARD F. MALLALIEU, D. D.,.....President.
REV. W. T. FORD,.....Secretary.
REV. W. Q. A. GRAHAM,.....Assistant Secretary.
REV. A. GRAYBEAL,.....Statistical Secretary.

Committees:

1. Admission on Trial,.....Presiding Elder and Preacher in Charge.
2. First Year,.....W. Q. A. Graham, J. F. Woodfin.
3. Second Year,.....W. T. Ford, D. M. Clayton.
4. Third Year,.....J. N. Barker, A. Graybeal.
5. Fourth Year,.....R. M. Witt, W. F. Parker.

Conference Board of Church Extension:

D. M. CLAYTON.....President.
F. A. FANNING.....Vice-President.
J. D. ROBERSON,.....Secretary.
J. E. REED.....Treasurer.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS:
F. M. Presley, R. M. Witt, J. M. Welborn, A. Q. Moore.

Triers of Appeals:

W. F. Parker, J. N. Barker, W. T. Ford, R. M. Witt, D. M. Clayton, J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn.

Missionary Sermon,.....J. M. Welborn.

Committee on Conference Seminary:

J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn, W. T. Ford, W. Q. A. Graham, J. E. Reed, A. L. Hendrix, C. Graybeal.

NAME OF CHARGE.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
ASHEVILLE DIST.	J. D. Robinson, P. E.	Gypsey,	Henderson,	N. C.
Asheville Circuit,	D. M. Clayton,	Avery's Creek,	Buncombe,	N. C.
Bakersville & Cranberry,	W. T. Ford,	Bakersville,	Mitchell,	N. C.
Bakersville Circuit,	W. Perry,	Bakersville,	Mitchell,	N. C.
Boone Circuit,	W. A. Ballew,	Roan Mountain Sta.,		Tenn.
Catawba Circuit,	(To be supplied),			
Clay and Murphy,	D. N. Franklin,	Webster,	Jackson,	N. C.
Henderson,	E. H. Reynolds,	Gypsey,	Henderson	N. C.
Leicester,	R. M. Witt,	Pigeon Valley,	Haywood	N. C.
Pigeon River,	L. D. Gillespie,	Leicester,		N. C.
Pisgah,	A. Graybeal,	Vernon,	Buncombe,	N. C.
Tryon Mountain,	F. M. Pressley,	Bushee,	Buncombe,	N. C.
Tryon,	J. F. West,	Spartanburg,		S. C.
Webster and Highlands,	J. H. Gillespie,	Webster,	Jackson,	N. C.
GREENSBORO DIST.	J. M. Welborn, P. E.,	Eagle Mills	Iredell	N. C.
Alexander,	A. H. Peeples,	Troutman,		N. C.
Antioch,	R. L. Selle	Trap Hill,	Wilkes	N. C.
Forsyth and Guilford,	N. M. Cooper,	Winston,		N. C.
Gastonia	C. W. Smith,	Gastonia,	Gaston	N. C.
Harker's Island	J. R. Cannon,	Smyrna,	Carteret,	N. C.
Jefferson	J. N. Barker,	Mouth of Buffalo,	Ashe	N. C.
Mocksville	F. A. L. Clark,	Eagle Mills,	Iredell	N. C.
Mt. Mitchell,	W. Q. A. Graham,	Concord,		N. C.
New River,	E. J. Winkler,	Wheeler,	Ashe,	N. C.
Uwharrie	H. D. Christenbury	Huntersville,		N. C.
Wilkesborough,	T. F. Seechrest,	Miller's Creek,	Wilkes,	N. C.
Yadkinville,	A. J. Johnson,	Hamptonville,	Yadkin	N. C.

J. W. P. Barker left without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

Supernumerary: J. F. WOODFIN, A. F. ENGLISH, W. F. PARKER.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1. Who are received by transfer and from what Conferences? None. 2. Who are admitted on trial? Erastus H. Reynolds, Thomas F. Sechrest and William A. Ballew. Wiley Perry, E. J. Winkler, David N. Franklin, Lorenza D. Gillespie, Columbus W. Smith, Adolphus J. Johnson and Alexander H. Peeples were continued in the same class. 3. Who remain on trial? J. H. Gillespie, R. L. Selle. 4. Who are discontinued? E. C. Reece. 5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. A. L. Clark, H. D. Christenberry. 6. Who are readmitted? None. 7. Who are received on credentials from other churches? T. F. Sechrest. 8. What travelling preachers have been elected deacons? F. A. L. Clark, H. D. Christenberry. 9. What travelling preachers have been ordained deacons? F. A. L. Clark, H. D. Christenberry. 10. What local preachers have been elected deacons? Edwin Anderson. 11. What local preachers have been ordained deacons? None. 12. Who are the travelling deacons of the first class? F. A. L. Clark, H. D. Christenberry, J. W. P. Barker. 13. Who are the travelling deacons of the second class? N. M. Cooper, F. M. Pressley, J. R. Cannon, J. F. West. 14. What travelling deacons have been elected elders? F. M. Pressley, A Graybeal, W. Q. A. Graham, J. R. Cannon, J. F. West. 15. What travelling deacons have been ordained elders? F. M. Pressley, A. Graybeal, W. Q. A. Graham, J. R. Cannon, J. F. West. 16. What local deacons have been elected elders? None. 17. What local deacons have been ordained elders? None. 18. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. F. English, J. F. Woodfin, W. F. Parker. 19. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. W. Naylor. 20. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes ; in open Conference. 21. Have any died? None. 22. Have any been transferred? and to what Conference? None. 23. Have any withdrawn? None. 24. Have any been located at their own request? None. 25. Have any been located? None. 26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None. 27. Have any been expelled? None. 28. Who are selected to be triers of appeals? W. F. Parker, J. M. Barker, W. T. Ford, R. M. Witt, D. M. Clayton, J. D. Roberson J. M. Welborn. 29. What is the statistical report for this year - Conference year? (See table of Statistics). 30. What are the claims on the Conference fund? $31.00. 31. What has been received on these claims? and how has it been applied? (See report of Conference Stewards). 32. Where are the preachers stationed? (See Appointments). 33. Where shall the next Conference be held? Smith's Chapel, Cabarrus County, N. C.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS:

FIRST DAY.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
GASTONIA, N. C. OCTOBER 1, 1885.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the M. E. Church, at Gastonia, N. C., October 1st. 1885, for its Seventh Session, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D. D., presiding.

Conference opened by singing the 798th hymn. Rev. J. D. Roberson led the conference in prayer. After reading of the Scriptures the first hymn was sung. The Bishop then addressed the conference.

J. D. Roberson, the former secretary, called the conference roll; quite a number of the members failed to answer to their names.

On motion of J. D. Roberson, W. T. Ford was elected secretary; W. Q. A. Graham, assistant secretary, and A. Graybeal, statistical secretary.

The hour for meeting was fixed at 9 a. m., the first half hour to be devoted to religious exercises. Adjourn at 12 m.

The bar of conference was fixed to include the second window. On motion of W. F. Parker, the presiding elders were appointed a committee to nominate standing committees. The following committees were raised: On public worship, temperance, auditing, conference relations, education, Sunday schools and tracts, Bible cause, Freedman's Aid Society, church literature, conference stewards, missions, treasurer, book accounts.

A communication from the Educational Society; also, on the Episcopal fund and book concern, was received and referred to their respective committees. A communication from the general conference committee, on conference entertainment, was referred to the presiding elders. J. D. Roberson, P. E., asked a question concerning the authority of trustees, which was deferred for further statements. A preamble and resolutions on the division of districts, &c., was read, and after some discussion, was made the order of business for tomorrow morning. On motion the anniversary meetings were referred to the committee on public worship. A list of the committees were called and notices were given. The doxology was sung. Benediction by J. D. Roberson.

SECOND DAY—October 2, 1885.

Conference met at the appointed hour, after a sermon by Rev. J. M. Welborn. The Bishop took the chair. Journal of yesterday's session read and approved. Roll of absentees called. F. M. Pressley and J. H. Gillespie answered to their names.

The further calling of the roll was dispensed with. Circulars from the "Preachers' Aid Society" were received, and J. H. Gillespie was appointed to examine and distribute the same.

A communication from the Wesleyan Female College, Cincinnati, was received and referred to the committee on education. Also from Freedman's Aid Society, referred to Committee on Freedman's Aid. Cincinnati book accounts, referred to committee on New York book accounts. A document from book concern, referred to committee on church literature. The resolution on revision of districts was called up and read. After some discussion; on motion of W. F. Parker it was referred to the Bishop and presiding elders. A preamble and resolutions read by W. F. Parker, was referred to committee on church literature. The committee on Sunday-schools and temperance were appointed to confer with the above committee.

The 20th disciplinary question was called, and J. D. Roberson, P. E., submitted an encouraging report of Asheville district.

D. M. Clayton was called. Being absent his presiding elder represented him. At this juncture Rev. J. B. Carpenter, of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the conference. W. T. Ford called, there being nothing against him he reported his work. R. M. Witt was called. He being absent, his P. E. represented him. J. M. Welborn, P. E., of Greensboro district, made an encouraging report of the district. J. N. Barker was called, reported his work. W. F. Parker was called, reported his work. List of committes were called. Notices given. Doxology sung.

Benediction by Rev. J. B. Carpenter.

THIRD DAY—October 3, 1885.

Conference met at the appointed hour. The usual religious services held at 8 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. J. D. Roberson.

Bishop Mallalieu took the chair. Journal of yesterday's session read and approved. The statistical secretary reported quite a number of delinquents. Rev. T. C. Carter, D. D., editor of the *Methodist Advocate*, addressed the conference in a very interesting manner, also in the interest of the *Methodist Advocate*.

Eighteenth question called: Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. F. Woodfin and A. F. English were continued in the same relation. Nineteenth question called: Who are the superannuated preachers? J. W. Naylor was continued in the same relation.

Communication read, and on motion the secretary was appointed to look after matters referred to in a letter from J. W. Naylor.

Question 1st called: Who are received by transfer? Answer, none. Question 2nd called: Who are admitted on trial? Erastus H. Reynolds and William A. Ballew. Wiley Perry, E. J. Winkler, David N. Franklin, L. D. Gillespie, C. W. Smith, A. J. Johnson and A. H. Peeples were continued in the same class. E. C. Reece, on motion, was discontinued on account of health.

Third question called: Who remain on trial? J. H. Gillespie and R. L. Selle reported their collections. Committee reported favorably. P. E. represented them and they were passed in their studies. R. L. Selle was required to procure Thahemer's history and pass examination next conference. F. A. L. Clark called. Committee reported. He was advanced to third year and admitted into full connection. H. D. Christenberry called, reported his collections. Committee reported. He was advanced to third year and admitted into full connection. Question 10th called, and Edwin Anderson was elected to local deacon's orders. Fourteenth question called, and F. M. Pressley reported his collections. Committee reported, and he was elected to elders orders, and returned to the fourth year's course of study. A. Graybeal called, and he reported favorably, and he was elected to elders orders. W. Q. A. Graham called, reported his collections. Committee reported favorably. He was elected to elders orders. J. R. Cannon called, reported collections. Committee reported. He was elected to elders orders and required to bring up the fourth year's course of study. James F. West called, reported collections. He was elected to elders orders and required to bring up fourth year's course of study. N. M. Cooper called, reported collections, and he was continued in the deacons of the second class. F. A. L. Clark and H. D. Christenberry called forward, and the Bishop asked the regular disciplinary questions; and addressed the class on the importance and duties of the Methodist ministry. Question 5th called, and F. A. L. Clark and H. D. Christenberry were elected to deacon's orders. Committees called. Notices were given. Doxology sung. Benediction by Rev. T. C. Carter, D. D.

FOURTH DAY—October 5, 1885.

Conference met at the appointed hour. After the usual religious exercises, Bishop Mallalieu took the chair. The following certificate of ordination was presented by the Bishop.

This is to certify that the undersigned ordained to the office of Deacon, Francis A. L. Clark and Harper D. Christenberry at Gastonia, N. C., October 4, 1885. W. F. Mallalieu.

This is to certify that the undersigned, assisted by several elders, ordained to the officers of elders, Frederick M. Pressley, Adolphus Graybeal, William Q. A. Graham, John R. Cannon, and James F. West at Gastonia, N. C., October 4, 1885. W. F. Mallalieu.

At this juncture, W. W. Pope, of the North Carolina Conference, was introduced to the Conference. Also, A. H. Gillett, D. D., Sunday-school agent for the South and West, was introduced. Reports of committees was called for. W. F. Parker read the report on Bible cause. Report adopted. J. D. Roberson read the report on Church literature. Report adopted.

Dr. A. H. Gillett addressed the Conference in the interest of the Sunday-school Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A resolution offered in favor of Dr. Gillett was adopted. Committee on education presented a report which was adopted. One thousand and sixty dollars was raised on subscription to purchase land for school purpurses, and a donation of 1200 volumes of books for library. Auditing committee reported. (See report). Report on Sunday-schools adopted. Report on Freedman's Aid adopted. Statistical Secretary reported. (see tables), adopted. Notices were given. Doxology sung. Benediction by Dr. A. H. Gillett.

FOURTH DAY.—AFTERNOON—OCTOBER 5, 1885.

Conference convened at 3 P. M. The 288th hymn was sung. Prayer by W. F. Parker. The certificate and credentials of Thomas F. Sechrest were read, and he was recognized as an elder and admitted on trial.

Question eighteen was resumed. W. F. Parker was granted a supernumerary relation. Resolution favoring Dr. Carter read and adopted. Resolution favoring Bishop Mallalieu adopted. Resolution by J. D. Roberson in regard to church extension collections adopted. The sixth question called, readmitted. Ans. None. Seventh question: Who are received on credentials? Ans. Thomas F. Seechrest. Conference Stewards reported. (See report). A vote of thanks to J. D. Roberson, former secretary, was given. Mission committee reported. Upon motion of W. Q. A. Graham. Smith's Chapel, Cabarrus county, was for place of holding next Conference. Resolution of thanks to citizens of Gastonia and surrounding community was adopted. Also resolution of thanks to railroad companies for reduction of fare. Resolution in regard to donation to church at Bakersville adopted. A resolution asking the presiding elders to ask an appropriation of $4,000 for our work was also adopted.

On motion of J. D. Roberson, after devotional exercises and reading of minutes, we adjourn, also prevailed.

The presiding elders and secretaries were appointed a committee on publication of minutes. Rev. J. N. Barker led the Conference in prayer. The Bishop addressed the Conference in regard to our work, after which he read the appointments. The conference sung the old "battle hymn" of Methodism: "A Charge to Keep I Have." Benediction by the Bishop.

We certify the foregoing to be a correct record of the doings of the 7th Session of Blue Ridge Annual Conference. W. T. FORD, Secretary.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, Ass't.

CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTORS.			Presiding Elders.		Bishops.	
		Claims including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages,	Receipts including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages,	Deficiencies,	Apportioned,	Paid,	Apportioned,	Paid,
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.								
Alexander	A. H. Peeples,	200.00	63.00	137.00	20.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
Antioch	C. W. Smith,							
Forsythe & Guilford	N. M. Cooper,	80.00	65.00	15.00	16.00	8.00		
Harker's Island	J. R. Cannon,	355.00	241.00	114.00	15.00	15.00		1.
Jefferson	J. N. Barker,	300.00	96.00	204.00	20.00	10.00		1.
Mocksville	A. Graybeal,	200.00	37.00	163.00	25.00	8.00		
Gastonia	W. Q. A. Graham,	210.00	84.00	125.00	24.00	9.00	2.00	
Mount Mitchel	W. F. Parker,	400.00	21.00	379.00	15.00			
New River Mission	R. L. Selle,	125.00	25.00	100.00	10.60	2.00	2.	
Uwharrie	H. D. Christenbury,	210.00	101.00	109.00	20.00	2.	5.	1.
Wilkesboro	C. W. Smith,	75.00	20.00	5.00	10.00	2.	2.	
Yadkinville	A. J. Johnson,		14.00			5.	2.	
Total		2.155.00	767.00	1,388.00	175.00	64.00	15.	4.00
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.								
Asheville	D. M. Clayton,	150.00	89.00	61.00	25.00	15.00	3.	
Bakersville	W. T. Ford,	225.00	75.00	150.00	20.	10.	1.	
Boone	E. J. Winkler,	100.00	55.00	45.00	16.	13.	1.	
Catawba	W. Perry	200.00	63.00	137.00	16.	8.	1.	1.00
Clay and Murphy	D. N. Franklin,	140.00	61.00	79.00	15.	3.	1.	
Henderson	—. Gillespie,	200.00	150.00	50.00	28.	23.	3.	1.
Leicester	R. M. Witt,	290.00	170.00	120.00	40.	21.	3.	
Pigeon River	H. Reynolds,	120.00	51.25	68.00	20.	9.	1.	1.
Pisgah	F. M. Fressley,	250.00	103.00	147.00	25.	6.	2.	
Tryon Mountain	J. F. West,	100.00	23.00	77.00	12.	8.	1.	
Webster & Highlands	J. H. Gillespie,	100.00	48.00	52.00	12.	2.	2.	
Total		1,895.00	888.00	1,007.00	229.00	148.	19	3.
GRAND TOTAL.		4,050.00	1,655.00	2,395.00	404.00	212.	34	7.

Harker's Island, paid on Conference claims..... $1.00

CONFERENCE STATISTICS. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM.			CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Number of Probationers.	Number of full Members.	Number of Local Preachers.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Children baptized.	Number of Adults baptized.	Number of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	
GREENSBORO DISTRT.															
Alexander Circuit.	15	354	2	2	15	2	6	$ 1900	..	$	$	$	$ ..	$ 3	20
Antioch Circuit.	30	266	1	..	..	..	3	700	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harkers Island.	54	185	...	2	8	..	3	4000	1	500	.....	16	....	.....	.....
Jefferson.	40	371	3	..	14	10	3	1100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mocksville.	19	242	2	..	6	..	4	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gastonia.	105	285	1	1	5	..	4	6000	1	450	425 00	.....	100	.....	.....
Mount Mitchel.	3	245	2	..	..	..	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New River Mission.	17	70	5	1	9	11	5	1800	.....	.....	481 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Uwharrie.	8	260	4	1	....	1	2	700	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilkesboro.	15	194	5	2	1	9	5	2100	1	75	3 50	60	....	.....	.....
Yadkinville.	22	265	4	1	2	6	5	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Forsythe and Guilford.	10	95	3	1	....	8	5	1250	.....	.....	150 00	.....	....	.....	.....
Total.	365	2742	37	9	57	47	53	100	.....	.....	4 00	.....	...	1	00
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.								23050	3	1025	1779 **	60	116	$	4
Asheville.	4	77	2	..	4	2	2	$ 2850	..	$	$	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bakersville.	65	300	1	..	.....	.....	4	1050	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boone.	9	150	3	..	5	1	3	1000	.....	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catawba.	35	302	3	..	22	16	3	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clay and Murphy.	15	160	2	..	.....	.....	5	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henderson.	10	175	2	..	.....	.....	2	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leicester.	22	303	2	..	5	19	4	1500	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pigeon River.	.....	162	...	..	.....	.....	4	3100	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pisgah.	...	321	...	6	3	13	3	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tryon Mountain.	20	124	.....	..	10	5	3	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webster and Highlands.	8	140	1	..	....	....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.	3[illegible]	3[illegible]	20	6	49	52	34	17050	1	300	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Greensboro District	365	2742	37	9	57	47	53	23050	3	1025	1779 00	60	116		4
Grand Total.	5[illegible]	[illegible]	57	15	106	99	87	51100	4	1325	2029 00	60	116		4
Grand Total last year.	5[illegible]	[illegible]	57	14	120	185	87	50785	4	1900	1853 00	25	123		26
Increase.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	96 00	35	[illegible]		[illegible]
Decrease.	280	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	40	86	[illegible]	8358	[illegible]	575	[illegible]	[illegible]	7		22

2. *CONFERENCE STATISTICS.*

SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		
			For Missions.													
Number of Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number of all ages. Scholars	From Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder, and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
4	24	280	$ 9 00	.....	$ 9 00	$	$	$	$	$	$			$ 63 00	$	
2	10	130	.....	.....	.....	.....										
3	26	150	8 00	.....	8 00	9 00	.....	1 00	1 00					104 00	1 00	
3	16	96	14 00	.....	14 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	5 00	56 00			106 00		
3	15	180	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	1 00							44 00		
4	25	120	18 00	.....	18 00	2 00	1 00							93 00		
4	28	172	4 00	.....	4 00	1 00	.....							22 00		
3	16	191	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....							27 00		
4	14	300	7 00	.....	7 00	.....								103 00		
4	16	114	.....	.....	.....	.....										
8	48	410	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00						19 00		
3	15	100	4 00	.....	4 00	.....								73 00		
45	253	2243	$91 "	.....	$91 "	$ 6 "	$ 4 "	2 "	$ 2 "	7 "	$56 "	.....	.....	$ 554 "	$ 1 "	.....
			$ 8 00		$ 8 00	$	$			$ 1 "				$		
1	7	165	12 00		12 "	1 00	1 00							86 "		
2	5	65	17 00		17 "											
3	26	139	7 00		7 "									72 "		
3			4 00		4 "											
3	10	140	11 00		11 "											
4	10	125	10 00		10 "											
2	12	150	14 00		14 "	1 "										
1	6	30	18 00		18 "											
1		30	8 00		8 "	2 "								22 "		
1	5	50	9 00		9 "									42 "		
18	86	895	118 "		118 "	$ 6 "	$ 1 "		$ 2 "	1 "				$ 232 "		
45	253	2243	$91 00	$	$91 00	$ 6 00	$ 4 00	2 00	$ 2 00	5 00	$53 00			$ 554 00	$ 1 00	$
63	339	3383	209 "		209 "	12 "	5 "	2 "	4 "	2 00	58 "			786 "	1 "	
58	291	2740	205 "	15 00	220 "	26 "	6 "	4 "	5 "	2 00	3 "			2376 "		34 00
5	48	398	5 "								53 "				1 "	
				15 "	11 "	14 "	1 "	2 "	1 "					1550 "		34 "

Missionary Contributions

——OF THE——

BOONE CIRCUIT.

ASBURY CHURCH.

J. G. Cole, 25c ; J. W. Calhouse, 10c ; J. B. Rash, 25c ; Winnie Rash, 25c ; Jennie Johnson, 25c ; Matton Rash, 25c ; William McNeely, 25c ; Anna Duckworth, 25c ; H. Calhoun, 50c ; Laura Cole, 10c ; Phenie Rash, 10c ; John Cole, 10c ; D. F. Cole, 10c ; M. A. 'Connelly, 10c ; B. B. Calhoun, 10c ; N. R. Calhoun, 5c ; Thomas Johnson, 10c ; John Calhoun, 10c; Ida Johnson, 5c ; Lizzie Grier, 5c ; B. A. Rash, 2c ; George Cole, 25c ; Susan Cole, 10c ; L. G. Johnson, 5c.

FOREST HOME CHURCH.

D. C. Franklin, 10c ; M. E. Sumero, 10c ; K. E. Rominger, 10c ; Sealy Rominger, 25c ; Martin Banner, 25c ; Luther Banner, 25c; J. W. Summerrow, 25c ; Mary Carpenter, 10c ; Rev. L. A. Rominger, 25c.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH.

W. C. Matney, 25c ; J. E. Weaver, 50c ; J. A. McGar, 25c ; M. A. Matney, 25c ; F. E. Matney, 10c ; M. M. Weaver, 25c ; M. L. McGar, 10c ; M. A. Weaver, 25c ; S. M. Weaver, 25c ; J. T. Hamton, 50c ; J. B. Matney, 25c.

BANNER ELK CHURCH.

S. H. Banner, 50c ; A. J. Prophet, 25c ; I. H. Perry, 25c ; R. N. Culver, 25c ; J. W. Dyer, jr., 25c ; J. C. Chapel, 25c ; W. H. Keys, 25c ; J. W. Banner, 50c ; William Vuncanon, 25c ; M. A. Perry, 25c ; M. J. Culver, 25c ; M. M. Vuncanon, 25c ; J. Banner, 25c ; Sarah Miller, 10c ; E. C. Miller, 5c ; M. H. Wetmore, 25c ; M. E. Culver, 25c ; Bettie Banner, 10c ; Blanche Vuncanon, 25c ; Ida Culver, 10c ; Cordelia Banner, 10c ; M. A. Banner, 5c ; Irene Banner, 10c ; Charlie Vuncanon, 25c ; Adolphus Tate, 25c ; Delitha Baird, 10c.

BETHEL CHURCH.

S. A. Castle, 10c ; R. H. Castle, 25c ; A. J. Cole, 25c ; R. L. Davis, 15c.

LIBERTY CHURCH.

Sarah Teaster, 10c ; J. A. Baird, 5c ; Rev. Smith Rominger, 15c ; M. E. Beard, 5c ; A. B. Beard, 10c ; B. J. Mills, 25c ; H. A. Church, 5c ; C. M. Rominger, 10c ; Palmer Baird, 20c ; S. G. Baird, 10c ; Martisha Grimsley, 5c ; Sarah Grimsley, 5c ; Cordelia Smith, 10c. Total, $16.32.

WEBSTER & HIGHLAND CIRCUIT.

Elias D. White, 25c ; Renwick White, 5c ; E. C. White, 25c ; Emma White, 25c ; Olive M. White, 15c ; T. Baxter White, $1.00 ; Jesse E.

White, 10c ; Rev. D. N. Franklin, 50c ; S. A. Franklin, 25c ; T. F. Franklin, 20c ; H. E. Franklin, 10c ; Wm. Franklin, 25c ; Geo. Franklin, 25c , M. S. Wilson, 25c ; Jesse Franklin, 25c ; Ben Franklin, 5c ; J. H. Jolley; $1.00 ; M. E. Rochester, 10c ; L. A. Rochester, 10c ; Miscellaneous, $1.65 ; Anonymous, $2.00. Total, $9.00.

ASHEVILLE CIRCUIT.

J. E. Reed, $5.00 ; A. J. Merrill, 25c ; J. B. West, 25c ; J. H. Rice, 25c ; D. C. Cordell, 25c ; Sophrana Davis, 25c ; J. D. Haren, 10c ; J. E. Haren, 10c ; J. M. Rice, 10c ; E. M. Reed, 10c ; J. C. Clark, 10c ; J. M. Hughney, 10c ; James Haren, 5c.

D. M. CLAYTON, P. C.

CLAY & MURPHY CIRCUIT.

G. W. McLure, 25c ; Lebedee Barnes, 25c ; Rev. J. A. Matheson, $1.00 ; A. J. Burch, 25c ; A. N. Wood, 25c ; J. L. Billingham, 25c ; Lavino Cobb, 25c ; L. D. Matheson, 25c ; Wm. Matheson, 25c.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NEW RIVER MISSION.

Emmette G. Roarke, 75c ; Rev. J. F. Matney, 50c ; Moselle Earhhardt, 25c ; Alvin J. Cole, 50c ; William Knight, 25c ; D. M. Tyree, 25c ; M. L. Matney, 25c ; Luke Maxwell, 25c ; Milton C. Roark, 25c ; Willie Matney, 10c ; Calvin Maxwell, 25c ; Miss Carrie B. Webster, 10c ; Mrs. S. M. Matney, 25c ; Annalee Matney, 10c ; Mrs. Alpha Maxwell, 25c ; Mrs Emma Roark, 25c ; Rettie Matney, 10c ; Mrs. Julia Maxwell, 25c ; Alice Jennings, 25c ; Mrs. Martha Ellett, 10c ; Nora Tyree, 5c ; Mrs. R. E. Branch, 10c ; Martha L. Easteridge, 10c ; Millie Tyree, 5c ; Jennie Ward, 5c ; Wm. A. J. Easteridge, 25c ; M. E. Ward, 5c ; Joseph A. Maxwell, 25c ; John Eastridge, 10c ; Larkin Latham, 25c ; Joshua Ward, 10c ; Rebecca Easteridge, 10c ; Genette Allen, 15c ; James R. McEwen, 25c ; Sarah J. Easteridge, 10c ; Thomas W. Arnold, 25c ; Malon P. Easteridge, 10c ; John Sluder, 50c ; David Price, 25c ; Calvin Roark, 25c ; Johnson Roark, 25c ; Calvin M. Graybeal, 50c ; —— Garfield, 2c ; —— Lockwood, 3c ; Sarah F. Roark, 10c ; ——— ———, 30c. Total, $10.00.

R. L. SELLE, P. C.

ALEXANDER CIRCUIT.

Eli Christenbury, 50c ; William Watts, 50c ; M. M. Christenbury, 50c ; W. G. Ferrill, 25c ; Mary Jordan, 25c ; Solomon Jordan, 25c ; A. M. G. Ferrill, 25c; A. F. Moore, 30c; M. E. Jordan, 10c; M. K. Christenbury, 10c; W. G. Christenbury, 25c ; Mary Etta Jordan, 10c ; Maggie Stroup, 5c ; Jane C. Keever, 25c ; Jane Keever, 50c ; J. T. Punch, 25c ; N. M. McKenzie, 5c ; M. A. E. McDenzie, 5c ; R. M. McKenzie, 10c ; C. A. Bendfield, 5c ; Robert Starnes, 5c ; Henry Payne, 30c ; T. W. Starnes, 15c ; Albert Hall, 5c ; William Tutle, 25c ; A. P. Bolick, 10c ; M. S. Spencer, 10c ; Catharine Payne, 10c ; Rittie Starnes, 5c ; M. C. Hall, 5c ; C. P. Price, 5c , R. A. Macky, 10c.

A. H. PEEPLES, P. C.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Whereas, Christian education is one of the greatest blessings that can be conferred upon the children and youth of our land

And, whereas, the discipline of our church recommends that wherever practicable each Annual Conference should have at least one academy or seminary under its direct supervision.

And, whereas, the time has now come, when such academy or seminary should be established within the bounds of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That a committee of seven, consisting of four preachers and three laymen be appointed by the President of the Conference, who shall take measures at the earliest possible date to select a suitable site for such school, and secure, if possible, 200 acres of land for such site.

Resolved, That in every feasible way we, in our several charges, will try to forward this enterprise, and will endeavor, by precept and example, to encourage all our people to assist by their sympathies and contributions.

Resolved, That we respectfully and earnestly desire the Freedman's Aid Society to come to our assistance and do for us, in our great need, what has long since been done for others. And, we beg to state, that in our judgment generous help should be afforded without delay.

Resolved, That the committee of seven be instructed to open a correspondence with the secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society in order fully to set before the managers of the Society our needs and claims and with the least possible delay secure the requisite assistance.

INSTRUCTION TO PRESIDING ELDERS.

Resolved, That the presiding elders of this Conference be, and they are hereby instructed to correspond with the representative of this Conference in the general mission committee, asking for $4,000.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Whereas, the work on the Freedman's Aid Society is indispensable to the educational interests of the Church, especially in the South.

Therefore, *Ordered*, First, that we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, will more thoroughly inform ourselves as to the work hitherto accomplished: and hereafter designed by this society, and to do this the better, we will secure the *Chart*, published by the society—and, that during the coming Conference year, we will put forth a more earnest effort to set before our people the importance of the work of the society, and thereby secure the full amount asked for this society from our Conference.

J. R CANNON.

To all whom it may concern:

This may certify that Thomas F. Seelrest, the bearer, an elder, having fully complied with engagements to the N. C. Conference of Wesleyan Methodist connection, of which he is a member, being well reported of as a Christian minister, is entitled to this certificate of his good standing.

W. B. RICHARDSON,
Pres. of N. C. Conference.

High Point, N. C.,
August 15, 1885.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Ordered, that the pastors be, and are hereby instructed to take collections for church extension as early as possible in the month of November, or before, to finish raising the $50 apportioned to this Conference for the year 1885; and that the moneys raised be sent to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society before the 15th of November.

J. D. ROBERSON.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

Money on hand, ... $31.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To J. W. Naylor,	$15.00
" C. W. Smith,	6.00
" Wiley Perry	5.00
" E. M. West	5.00
Total,	$31.00

T. M. WELBORN.
J. F. WEST.

BAKERSVILLE.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby endorse the action of the Conference Board of Church extension in endorsing any application for $5,000 for Bakersville.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We have examined the Presiding Elders' accounts, and find them correct.

W. T. FORD.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Methodism from its origin has utilized every available means of propagating gospel and Christian intelligence. The press stands in the front rank of the potent agencies that have contributed to her vast and glorious growth. The fathers who have lived and labored before us, have been abundant in their labors and greatly successful in their aims at meeting the demands of the reading millions for a wholesome literature. The

Book Concern of the Methodist Episcopal Church has grown until it has a money force of nearly $3,000,000 in operation and circulated, last year, more than $1,600,000 worth of books, periodicals and other helps. These supplies are various, vast and pure.

Resolved, Therefore, 1st, that we will earnestly endeavor to place some of the books of our publishing house in all the families of our people.

Resolved, 2nd, that each pastor is hereby instructed to write in the early part of the Conference year to the secretary of the Tract Society for a donation of tracts for judicious distribution among his people.

Resolved, 3rd, that we recognize in the *Methodist Advocate*, published by T. C. Carter, D. D., at Chattanooga, Tenn., an indispensable factor for our church work in the South, and that we will endeavor to largely increase its circulation among our people.

Resolved, 4th, that we recommend to the patronage of our people the *Methodist Messenger*, published by Graham & Ford, at Bakersville, N. C., as filling a place on account of its price and local news not filled by any other paper, and that we will endeaver to increase the circulation of the same.

Temperance.

Your committee on temperance, beg leave to report, 1st, That we, as an Annual Conference, will do all in our power in favor of prohibition, and that we are in favor of forever prohibiting the distillation and use of intoxicating liquors.

2nd, That we are in favor of, and will show our disapproval of anything said or done by either minister or private member, who favors anti-prohibition.

3rd, That, as we believe tobacco to be injurious to the system, we are not in favor of its use.

4th, That we adopt the 36th paragraph of Discipline.

A. Graybeal, Chairman.

Report on Bible Cause.

The committee on Bibles report, that they have not had any information from the travelling preachers in regard to the distribution of the Bible in the bounds of their fields of labor and presume our people are well supplied.

Therefore, *Resolved*, 1st, that as a Conference, we thank God for the introduction of His blessed Word into every family of our Church, and pledge ourselves to all possible perseverance in circulating the Holy Scriptures and taking collections for the Bible cause, and, as far as possible, aid and cooperate with those Bible agents, working in the bounds of our charges.

W. F. Parker, for committee.

Bishop Mallalieu.

Resolved, That we, as an Annual Conference, tender our most sincere anks to our good Bishop, W. F. Mallalieu, D. D., for the mild, dignified d high toned Christian courtesy, and executive ability he has so worthi- exhibited while presiding over the deliberations of our Conference, and ill be most happy to have him return to us whenever the Episcopal com- ittee shall see fit to send him. W. F. Parker.

Dr. Carter.

Resolved, That this Conference indorse the wise, manly, able and high- ned ministerial dignity and gentlemanly Christian courtesy, manifested the Rev. T. C. Carter, D. D., in defense of our church work in the uthern Conferences and renew our pledges for the support and circula- on of the *Methodist Advocate*. W. F. Parker.

Dr. Gillett.

Whereas, we are greatly delighted with Dr. A. H. Gillett, Sunday-school gent for the South and West, and his efficient services and are ever glad have him with us in our Conference sessions.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, earnestly licit Dr. Gillett to make a thorough canvass in the interest of the Sun- ay-schools in our Conference.

Citizens.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, extend ur thanks to the citizens of Gastonia and surrounding country for so indly entertaining our Conference. J. F. West.

Railroad Companies.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Richmond & Danville and hester & Lenoir Railroads for reduction of fare.

W. Q. A. Graham.

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ORGANIZATION.

Officers of the Conference :

REV. BISHOP J. M. WALDEN, D. D.,.....President.
REV. W. T. FORD,.....Secretary.
REV. W. Q. A. GRAHAM,.....Statistical Secretary.

Committees :

1. Admission on Trial,....Presiding Elder and Preacher in Charge.
2. First Year,.....D. M. Clayton, J. R. Cannon.
3. Second Year,.....W. T. Ford, C. W. Smith.
4. Third Year,.....J. F. Woodfin, C. S. Long.
5. Fourth year,.....J. D. Roberson, N. M. Cooper.

Local Deacons and Elders Orders,..J. F. West, T. W. Matney.

Missionary Sermon,.....W. T. Ford,
Alternate,.....D. M. Clayton.

Triers of Appeals :

J. F. Woodfiin, C. S. Long, R. M. Witt, J. D. Roberson, D. M. Clayton, W. T. Ford, T. W. Matney.

Conference Board of Church Extension :

T. W. MATNEY,.....President.
C. R. GARLAND,.....Vice-President.
WILEY PERRY,.....Secretary.
J. C. POOLE,.....Treasurer.

Additional Members :

W. A. Ballew, B. P. Philips.
The Presiding Elders; Members Ex-Officio.

NAME OF CHARGE.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE, COUNTY & STATE.
Asheville District.	**Dr. C. S. Long, P. E.**	**Asheville, N. C.**
Asheville,	To be suppled	
Asheville Circuit,	E. H. Reynolds,	Leicester, Buncombe county, N. C.
Franklin Circuit,	D. N. Franklin,	Webster, Jackson " N. C.
Henderson Circuit,	D. M. Clayton,	Avery's Creek, Buncombe co., N. C.
Leicester Circuit,	W. T. Ford,	Leicester, Buncombe county, N. C.
Murphy Circuit,	J. H. Heatherly,	
Pigeon River Circuit,	J. F. Woodfin,	Boilston, Henderson county, N. C.
Pisgah Circuit,	Geo. L. Henderson,	Harmony Creek, Buncombe co. N. C.
Tryon City,	To be supplied,	
Tryon Mountain,	F. M. Pressley,	Busbee, Buncombe county, N. C.
Webster Circuit,	To be supplied,	
Bakersville District.	**J. D. Roberson, P. E.**	**Bakersville, N. C.**
Bakersville,	J. D. Roberson,	Bakersville, Mitchell county, N. C.
Boone Circuit,	W. A. Ballew,	Banner Elk, Watauga county, N. C.
Catawba Circuit,	F. W. Matney,	Shell Creek, Tenn.
Jefferson,	C. W. Smith,	Mouth of Buffalo, Ashe co., N. C.
New River Circuit,	J. B. Tucker,	Wheeler, Ashe county, N. C.
Red Hill Circuit,	Wiley Perry,	Red Hill, Mitchell county, N. C.
Toe River	L. A. Rominger,	Aaron, Mitchell county, N. C.

NAME OF CHARGE.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE, COUNTY & STATE.
Statesville District.	**R. M. Witt, P. E.**	**Statesville N. C.**
Alexander Circuit,	Wilson J. Wyatt,	Granite Hill, Iredell county, N. C.
Antioch Circuit,	A. H. Peeples,	Trap Hill, Wilkes county, N. C.
Forsythe Circuit,	E. J. Winkler,	Winston, N. C.
Gastonia Circuit,	R. L. Selle,	King's Mountain, N. C.
Harker's Island Circuit,	N. M. Cooper,	Smyrna, Cartrett, county, N. C.
Mocksville Circuit,	F. A. L. Clark,	China Grove, Rowan county, N. C.
Mount Mitchell Circuit,	W. Q. A. Graham,	Salisbury, N. C.
Ocrocoke Circuit,	J. R. Cannon,	Ocrocoke, N. C.
Stanley Circuit,	J. P. Brantley,	Bilesville, Stanley county, N. C.
Troy Circuit,	H. D. Christenbury,	Huntersville, N. C.
Wilkesboro Circuit,	W. C. Bellomy,	Wilkesboro, N. C.
Yadkin Circuit,	A. J. Johnson,	Hamptonville, N. C.

W. P. Barker and J. H. Gillespie left without appointment to attend one of our schools. J. F. West, W. F. Parker and A. F. English, supernumeraries.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1. Who are recieved by transfer and from what Conference? Dr. C. S. Long from Japan Conference. 2. Who are admitted on trial? J. B. Tucker, Geo, L. Henderson, John H. Heatherly, Louis A. Rominger, Wilson J. Wyatt and John P. Brantly. 3. Who remain on trial? E. H. Reynolds, Wiley Perrry, A. H. Peeples, William A. Ballew, David N. Franklin. 4. Who are discontinued? Thomas F. Seechrest, L. D. Gillespie. 5. Who are admitted into full connections? C. .W Smith, E. J. Winkler, A. J. Johnson, R. L. Selle, and J. H. Gillespie. 6. Who are re-admitted? W. C. Bellomy,of Kentucky Conference, and T.W. Matney, of this Conference. 7. Who are received on credentials from other churches? None. 8. What travelling preachers have been elected deacons? C. W. Smith, E. J. Winkler, A. J. Johnson, R. L. Selle and J. H. Gillespie. 9. What travelling preachers have been ordained deacons? C. W. Smith, E. J. Winkler, A. J. Johnson, R. L. Selle and J. H. Gillespie? 10. What local preachers have been elected deacons? Wilson J. Wyatt. 11. What local deacons have been ordained deacons? Wilson J. Wyatt. 12. Who are the travelling deacons of the first class? F. A. L. Clark,C. W. Smith, E. J. Winkler, A. J. Johnson, R. L. Selle, J. H. Gillespie and W. P. Barker. 13. Who are the travelling deacons ofthe second class? H. D. Christenbury, F. M. Pressley, J. F. West. 14. What travelling deacons have been elected elders? None. 15. What travelling deacons have been ordained elders? None. 16. What local deacons have been elected elders? W. C. Bellomy. 17. What local deacons have been ordained elders? W. C. Bellomy. 18. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. F. English, W. F. Parker, J. F. West. 19. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. W. Naylor. 20. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes, this was done in open Conference. 21. Have any died? John W. Barker. 22 Have any been transferred and to what conference? J. M. Welborn, to South Kansas Conference. 23. Have any withdrawn? None. 54. Have any been located? None. 26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None. 27. Have any been expelled? None. 28. Who are selected triers of appeals? J. F. Woodfin, C. S. Long, R. M. Witt, J. D. Roberson, D. M. Clayton, W. T. Ford and T. W. Matney. 29. What is the statistical report for the Conference year? (See table of Statistics.) 30. What are the claims on the conference fund? $32 31. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? (See report of Conference Stewards.) 32. Where are the preachers stationed? (See list of appointments.) 33 Where shall the next Conference be held? Clyde, Haywood county, N. C.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
SMITH'S CHAPEL, N. C.,
October 7, 1886.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Smith's Chapel October 7, 1886, for its Eighth Session, Bishop J. M. Walden, D. D., presiding.

Conference met at 10½ o'clock A. M. Bishop read 72nd Psalm; Conference joined in singing 726th Hymn. Rev. J. M. Welborn led in prayer.

The Bishop read first chapter of Ephesians; 770th Hymn sung. Rev. J. D. Roberson led in prayer. The Bishop then addressed the Conference in a very interesting manner for some time. 707th Hymn sung. Bishop led in prayer.

W. T. Ford, Secretary, called the roll: J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn, W. T. Ford, R. M. Witt, E. H. Reynolds, J. H. Gillespie, E. J. Winkler, W. A. Ballew, W. Perry, J. R. Cannon, F. A. L. Clark, W. Q. A. Graham, answered to their names.

On motion of J. M. Welborn W. T. Ford was elected Secretary, and W. Q. A. Graham Statistical Secretary.

On motion the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate standing committees.

The following committees were appointed: Public Worship, W. Q. A. Graham, J. M. Welborn; Temperance, W. Q. A. Graham, R. M. Witt, A. H. Peeples; Auditing, J. R. Cannon, Wiley Perry; Conference Relations, J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn; Education, J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn, E. H. Reynolds, E. J. Winkler, R. M. Witt; Sunday-

Schools and Tracts, J. H. Gillespie, A. J. Johnson, C. W. Smith; Bible Cause, R. L. Selle. N. M. Cooper, H. D. Christenbury; Freeman's Aid Society, E. J. Winkler, R. M. Witt, Wiley Perry; Church Literature, W. T. Ford, W. A. Ballew, F. A. L. Clark; Missions, The Presiding Elders; Conference Stewards, J. R. Cannon, J. D. Roberson, J. M. Welborn; Treasurer, R. M. Witt; New York Book Accounts, E. J. Winkler; Cincinnati Book Accounts, E. H. Reynolds

The New York Book Accounts were passed to E. J. Winkler. The time for meeting in Conference session was fixed for 8½ o'clock; adjourn at 11½ A. M., first half-hour to be devoted to religious services. The Bar of the Conference fixed to extend to south side of second pair of windows.

On motion, a sermon is to be preached each day at 11½ o'clock.

Rev. Dr. C. S. Long, returned Missionary from Japan, was introduced to the Conference; also Rev. W. C. Bellomy, formerly of Kentucky Conference.

On motion, a draft on chartered fund for $30 was ordered; also on Book Concern for $29.

On motion the Bishop was instructed to forward draft on chartered fund to Philips & Hunt to replace monies paid out by them.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were made a committee to formulate applications to chartered fund for the fractional year 1885.

On motion the Presiding Elders were made a committee to apportion the amounts for benevolent collections; also for Episcopal fund.

The amount to be raised by this Conference passed to the Presiding Elders. Papers on Education passed to Chairman of Committee on Education. A circular in proof of Chattanooga University passed to Chairman of Committee on Education.

The Committee of Examinations, third year's course being absent, W. T. Ford and R. M. Witt were appointed to examine the class.

J. Welborn was added to the committee of the fourth. Notices were given. On motion, when we adjourn it be to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.

Doxology sung; benediction by Bishop Walden.

EVENING SESSION.—October 7, 1886.

Conference met at the appointed hour, J. M. Walden in the chair. Bishop read third chapter of Ephesians; 415th Hymn was sung; R. M. Witt led in prayer; Conference joined in singing one stanza of "Nearer My God to Thee;" statistics called for and several of the brethren passed in their reports. Notices given. Conference adjourned for preaching.

SECOND DAY.—October 8, 1886.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop J. M. Walden in the chair. W. A. Ballew conducted the services, first half-hour devoted to prayer-meeting. Roll called. Journal of yesterday's session read and approved. On motion a committee on memoirs was raised. F. A. L. Clark, J. M. Welborn were appointed. The deficiencies in statistics called. Rev. J. J. Rhyne, of the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Asheville district called. Rev. J. D. Roberson, P. E., gave an encouraging report of the work of the district showing an increase in every department of church work.

D. M. Clayton called; reported his work. W. T. Ford called; reported his work. R. M. Witt called; reported his work. J. F. West called; not present. His P. E. asked for him a supernumerary relation, which was granted. F. M. Pressley called; not present. Report from Book Committee read in open Conference. Business suspended and Rev. Dr. C. S. Long preached an interesting sermon. At the close of the sermon, list of committees called. Notices given. Conference adjourned.

Doxology sung; benediction by J. D. Roberson.

THIRD DAY.—October 9, 1886.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop J. M. Walden in the chair. N. M. Cooper led the exercises, first half-hour devoted to prayer services. Journal of yesterday's session read and approved.

Greensboro district called. Rev. J. M. Welborn, P. E., read report of the work of the district showing an increase in every respect, closing it in a very touching manner, referring to his associations with the preachers of Blue Ridge Conference, which is soon to be severed, as he is going to another Conference.

J. R. Cannon called; reported his work. W. Q. A. Graham called.

On motion, Committee of Inquiry was raised: R. M. Witt, D. M. Clayton, and F. A. L. Clark were appointed. W. F. Parker asked that the case of Rev. J. R. Cannon be referred to same committees.

Question 16, Local Deacons for Elders' Orders. William C. Bellomy, being recommended by Greensboro District Conference, was elected to Elders' orders.

Rev. W. G. Matton, of West Virginia Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

Question 10, Local Preachers for Deacons' Orders. Wilson J. Wy-

itt, being duly recommended by Greensboro District, was elected to dea-cons' orders.

Recognition of Orders. Geo. L. Henderson, formerly of the Free-Will Baptist Church, being duly recommended, his orders were recognized, on condition he take our ordination vows.

On motion W. T. Ford was released from Committee on Church Lit-erature, and W. F. Parker added to the Committee.

Rev. W. F. Steele, D. D., President of Bennett Seminary, Greens-boro, was introduced to the Conference.

Question 2, Who are admitted on trial? George L. Henderson, John H. Heatherley, Louis A. Rominger, from Asheville District Conference, and John P. Brantley, James B. Tucker, Wilson J. Wyatt, from Greens-boro District, all being duly recommended, were received .

Question 5, Who are admitted into full connections? Jessie H. Gil-espie, Robert L. Selle, E. J. Winkler, C. W. Smith, A. J. Johnson, A. H. Peeples, called forward. The Bishop addressed them on the kind of preachers the M. E. Church wants, urging the importance of devoting all their time to the work of the ministry. The Disciplinary Questions were then propounded. The brethren all responded. J. H. Gillespie reported his work. Committee reported. P. E. represented him. He was admit-ted and elected to deacons' orders. R. L. Selle reported his work. Com-mittee reported. He was admitted and elected to deacons' orders. E. J. Winkler reported his work. Committee reported. P. E. represented him. He was admitted and elected to deacons' orders. C. W. Smith reported his work. Committee reported. P. E. represented him. He was admit-ted and elected to deacons' orders. A. J. Johnson reported his work. Committee reported. P. E. represented him. He was admitted and elec-ted to deacons' orders. A. H. Peeples reported his work. Committee re-ported. P. E. represented him. He was continued, not having brought up his second year's course of study.

C. W. Smith and A. J. Johnson were *required to bring up Talheimer's History.* Business suspended.

R. M. Witt preached an interesting sermon on the new birth. At the close of the sermon committees were called. A letter from J. W. Naylor read and refered to Conference Stewards. He (Naylor) was continued in superannuated relation. Notices were given. Conference adjourned.

Doxology sung. Benediction by R. M. Witt.

EVENING SESSION.—October 9, 1886.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop J. M. Walden in the

chair. R. L. Selle led the devotional exercises. The Bishop then addressed the Conference at some length, which was followed by an address by Rev. W. F. Steele, D. D., upon the importance of procuring a proper form of deed for our church and parsonage property. The Bishop then addressed the Conference and congregation upon the subject of Education, giving account of Chattanooga Central University. Rev. W. F. Steele followed with an address upon some subject from a Biblical standpoint.

The Committee of Inquiry reports no ground for charges against W. Q. A. Graham. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion Conference adjourned.

Doxology sung. Benediction by Dr. C. S. Long.

FOURTH DAY.—October 11, 1886.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop J. M. Walden in the chair. W. F. Parker led the devotional exercises, first half-hour devoted to prayer services. The Bishop presented to the Secretary the certificates of ordination.

On motion a Committee on Postoffices were raised, and E. H. Reynolds and H. D. Christenbury were appointed.

On motion the Presiding Elders to be appointed, and the Secretary was appointed a Committee on Pub lication of Conference Minutes.

Question 3, called. E. H. Reynolds reported his work. He was continued in first year, not having completed his course of study. W. A. Ballew called. Reported his work. Committee reported. P. E. represented him. He was continued and advanced to second year, and required to bring up Talheimer's History. Wiley Perry called. Reported his work. Committee reported. P. E. represented him. He was continued and advanced to second year. L. D. Gillespie called. P. E. stated that he had gone to the M. E. Church, South. He was discontinued. Thomas F. Seechrest, discontinued.

Question 13, called. David N. Franklin called. Not present. He was continued in first class of deacons. F. A. L. Clark called. Reported his work. Committee reported. P. E. Represented him. He was contined in first class of deacons, not having completed his course of study. H. D. Christenbury called. Reported his work. Committee reported. P. E. represented him. He was advanced to second class of deacons. W. P. Barker continued, and left without an appointment to attendance of our schools.

Question 14, called. N. M. Cooper reported his work. Committee reported. P. E. represented him. He was passed out of the course.

Question 18, called. J. F. Woodfin called. He made an effective appeal. A. F. English, continued. W. F. Parker made statement of his doings during the year. He was continued.

Question 6, called. W. C. Belomy, formerly of Kentucky Conference, and T. W. Matney, located by this Conference in 1883, were re-admitted.

Question 33, called, and Clyde, Haywood County, N. C., was chosen for holding the next session of Conference.

Question 31, called. Thirty-one dollars received on Conference Fund.

Rev. W. Q. A. Graham read report of Committee on Temperance, and after some amendments, striking out part of preamble and all of resolution No. 3. The report was adopted. Auditing committee reported. Report adopted.

Committee on Sunday-Schools read report. Report adopted.

Committee on Sunday-Schools and tracts read report. Report adopted after inserting the following: That all our Sunday-Schools use the literature of our church, and that all furnish thsmselves with libraries, and that hey avail t r.n s e lves of books furnished by the Sunday-School Union of our Church.

Committee on Bible Cause reported. Report adopted. Committee on Freedman's Aid read report. Report adopted. Committee on Church Literature read report. Report adopted. Conference Treasurer reported. Report adopted. Statistical Secretary read Report. Committee on Memoirs called. 971st Hymn sung.

J. M. Welborn read the report of the Committee on Memoir of Rev. J. N. Barker, who died during the past year. Remarks were made by quite a number of the preachers who were associated with Brother Barker in former days. Memoir adopted. 991st Hymn sung. Rev. W. G. Matton made some very touching remarks concerning Brother Barker. The Bishop made remarks, stating how pleasant it is to be associated with such men as the brother deceased.

W. Q. A. Graham made report of his work. T. W. Matney made report of Catawba Circuit, George L. Henderson made report of Pisgah Circuit.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 1½ o'clock P. M.

Benediction by R. M. Witt.

EVENING SESSION.—October 11, 1886.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop J. M. Walden in the chair. W. Perry conducted the exercises. Journal of morning session read and approved.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Rev. Dr. Carroll, S. Long, from Japan Conference.

Committee of Inquiry reports no ground for charges against J. R. Cannon. He was represented by Committee of Examination in course of study, passed out of the course.

Report of Conference Steward received and adopted.

On motion the P. E. was permitted to withdraw the recommendation of C. M. Bower.

Report of Committee on Education read and adopted. A resolution offered by Brother Roberson, touching the collections, adopted. Committee on Missions reported. Report adopted.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Rev. J. M. Welborn to South Kansas Conference. Brother Roberson offered resulution touching the transfer of Brother Welborn.

Resolution concerning the Bishop, adopted. Of thanks to citizens; also to secretaries, adopted.

On motion Jesse H. Gillespie left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

The Presiding Elders were made a Committe on General Conference Expenses.

Eight hundred and twenty-second Hymn sung. J. D. Roberson and J. M. Welborn led the Conference in prayer. The Bishop then addressed the Conference at some length, then read the appointments; led the Conference in a very earnest prayer, and, at the close of the prayer, pronounced the benediction. Conference adjourned *sine die*.

We certify that the above is a true record of the Proceedings of the Eighth Session of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Smith's Chapel, Cabarrus County, N. C.

W. T. FORD, Secretary.

October 7th to 11th, 1886.

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2	14	75	$ 4 50		$ 4 50									$ 51 39		
8	44	348	15		15	$ 2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	$ 1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	35 00		
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

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Resolved, That we highly appreciate the able and excellent services of Bishop Walden; that we tender him our sincere thanks for his manifest interest and sympathy in our Conference and its work, that we will be pleased at any time to hear him praised in our Conference.

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Resolved, That, during the coming year, the collections be taken in the following order:

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Third Quarter—S. S. Missions.

Fourth Quarter—Tracts and General Conference Exercises.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the citizens of this community for the kindness shown and the liberality with which we have been entertained, ever praying the Divine blessings on their homes.

J. M. WELBORN.

This certifies that at Smith's Chapel, N. C., on the 10th of October A. D., 1886, I ordained Jesse H. Gillespie, Robert L. Selle, Edmund J. Winkler, Columbus W. Smith, Adolphus J. Johnson and Wilson J. Wyatt, deacons; and at the same place and on the same day, several elders assisting, I ordained William C. Bellomy an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Given under my hand this 11th day of October A. D., 1886.

J. M. WALDEN.

Missionary Collections.

BAKERSVILLE CIRCUIT.

J. F. Lane, $1; J. Gibbs. 50c, J. C. Burgin, 50c; Annie E. Phillips, 50c; Lucy Phillips, 50c; T. G. Phillips, 25c; Mac Burlison, 25c; B. P. Phillips, 25c; Jule Whitson, 25c; S. C. Parker, 25c; G. D. Gortley, 25c; Daisy Burlison, 25c; Nerva E. Tipton, 25c; Emily J. Gibbs, 25c; H. M. Rogers, 25c; D. M. Buchanan, 25c; J. L. Gibbs, 25c; Rachel Perry, 25c; J. M. Calhoun, 25c; Anna Duckworth, 25c; G. T. Vance, 25c; Henry Hylman, 25c; Elizabeth Gibbs, 20c; Mollie Gibbs. 15c; B. F. Garland, 10c; C. H. Whitson, 10; G. W. Bird. 10c; Henry Street, 10c; J. P. Garland, 10c; George Bird, 10c; Alice Bird, 10c; Nancy Bird 10c; Polly Ann Phillips, 10c; R. J. Wyatt, 10c; Sarah Gibbs, 10c; Emma Hilyard, 10c; P. M. Ayers, 10c; Catharine Hilyard, 10c; Caroline Gibbs, 10c; H. M. Burgin, 10c; O. W. Ayers, 10c; Florence E. Gibbs, 10c; S. I. Gibbs, 10c; I. F. Gibbs, 10c; C. I. Bondwitch, 10c; A. L. Gibbs, 10c; Thomas B. Gibbs, 10c; T. C. Gibbs, 10c; J. B. Hilyard, 10c; C. F. Gibbs, 10c; Maggie Perry, 10c; Edith E. Perry, 10c; W. S. Johnson, 10c; E. H. Ashley, 10c; W. C. Young 10c; W. W. Hughes, 10c; A. W. Briggs, 10c; N. H. Young, 10c; B. W. Hartley, 10c; G. M. A. Erwin, 10c; D. C, Hartley, 5c; N. M. Phillips, 5c; Laura Ayers, 5c; Matilda Gibbs, 5c; A. M. Perry, 5c; T. G. Johnson, 5c; J. W Denney, 5c; Eliza M. Young, M. A. J. Young, 5c; F. L. Rominger, 5c; Isaac Briggs, 5c; Wash. Young, 5c; Jane Erwin, 5c; Harriet A. Erwin, 5c; E. O. Gibbs, 5c. Total, $12.00.

W. PERRY, P. C.

NEW RIVER.

John Sluder, 15c; J. T. Nichols, 10c; Phœbe Eastridge, 10c; Martha Eastridge, 10c; M. Eastridge, 10c; Johnathan Osborne, $1; George Sheppard, 25c; W. A. Graybeal, 25c; William Eeastridge, 25c; Rufus Graybeal, 25c; C. Eastridge, 10c; L. J. Walker, 25c; Nerva Eastridge, 25c; Phena Graybeal, 10c; Lee Tucker, 10c; Mirah Graybeal, 25c; William Graybeal, 25c; John Graybeal, 25c; W. P. Pless, 10c; E. J. Forkner, 15c; Eli Graybeal, 50c; Rufus Graybeal, sr., 25; L. J. Sturgil, 5c; John Jones, 10c; John Eastridge, 20c; Rebecca Eastridge, 10c; M. P. Eastridge, 10c; M. L. A. Eastridge, 10c; Jouah Graybeal, 15c, Mary Graybeal, 5c; Johnson Roark, 25c; M. K. Wilson, 10c; M. L. Roark, 10c; Absalom Roark, 25c; R. C. Barlow, 10c; Sarah Cornett, 55c; N. M. Adkins, 10c; David Osborne, 25c; Levi Winebarger, 25c; M. L. Matney, 25c; Willie Matney, 10c; Annie L. Matney, 10c; Hattie Mattie Matney, 10c; Susan M. Matney, 25c; E. G. Roark,

50c; Emma Roark, 25c; Marion Osborne, 50c; Emiline Gennings, 25c; Alice Gennings, 25; Rev. J, F. Matney, 50c; David Price, 25c; Aris Osborne, 25c: Sarah Osborne, 10c; Laudon Vanover, 5c; Pallerson Graybeal, 5c; E. G. Nelson, 10c; Louise Graybeal, 10c. E. J. WINKLER, P. C.

WEBSTER AND HIGHLAND.

J. Halleck, 25c; Emma E. White, 10c; Wm, Franklin, 10c; A. Bumgarner, 25c; J. H. Painter, 25c; John Ashe, 25c; Jesse Franklin, 15c; A. J. Long, 25c; M. S. Wilson, 50c; L. J. Jenkins, 25c; Mary Burnett, 25c; J. B. Rochester, 25c; J. L. Potts, 25c; H. Gibbs, 25c; J. Wike, 25c; M. M. Wike, 25c; S. O. Wike, 25c; Earnest Gibbs, 25c; Ella Wike, 25c; M. C. Wike, 25c; Lela Potts, 25c; M. H. Wike, 25c; M. M. Bryson, 10c; J. F. Jackson, 25c; Ella Potts, 25c; Melinda Wike, 25c; James A. Guffer, 25c; L. E. Heoton, 25c; E. J. Bennett, 50c; W. C. Trowbridge, 25c; George Franklin, 50c; Thomas Franklin, 26c; Hattie Franklin, 20c; Sarah Franklin, 25c; Benie Franklin, 15c; Jesse Franklin, 10c; M. E. Rochester, 20c; L. A. Rochester, 20c; D. L. Rochester, 50c; L. J. Rogers, 10c; J. S. Burnett, 25c; J. Baxter White, 50c; Olive M. White, 25c; Jesse E. White, 25c; Elias D. White, 10c; M. J. Moffitt, 10c; Renwick White, 15c; Eli Fullbright, 25c; Eorian Roger, 25c; R. Russell, 50c; G. W. Moffitt, 25c; M. A. McGee, 10c; T. L. Stanfield, 60c; Ettie Stanfield, 10c; Belle Stanfield, 10c; Geo. Stanfield, 10c; Jennie Stanfield, 10c; Samuel Stanfield, 6c; M. C Stanfield, 6c; C. P. Moffitt, 25c; E. J. Ray, 25c; Charles D. Bowers, 50c; L. M. Collins, 25c. Total, $16.02 J. H. GILLESPIE, P. C.

NEW BETHANY.

Thomas Morris, 5c; E. F. Davis, 3c; J. F. Morris, 5c; John Cornelison, 10c: R. S. Morris, 5c; U. F. Williams. 10c; John Merrette, 10c; John Hall, 10c; W. R. Harris, 25c; Harris Merritte, 5c; Thomas Hall, 10c; W. Morris, 10c; John Morris, 10c; Thomas Martin, 10c; R. C. Hall, 10c; Mary Merritt, 10c; E. Merritt, 5c; Rosina Merritt, 5c; C. W. Davis, 10c; M. C. Morris, 5c, L. C. Morris, 5c; M. Morris, 5c; J. R. Morton. 15c; J. C. Long, 5c; E. H. Morris, 5c; J. M. Merritt, 5c: Lenard Cranford, 5c; N. F. Dennis, 15c; D. F. Dennis, 10c; H. J. Dennis, 10c; J. L. Dennis, 5c; I. E. Saunders, 25c; J. P. Dennis, 5c; J. P. Greene, 10c; J. E. Dennis, 10c; S. A. Dennis, 10c; Rev. L. Dennis, 25c; Martha Cornelison, 5c. Total, $3.48. H. D. CHRISTENBURY, Uwharrie Ct., N. C.

MT. OLIVET.

A. J. Beaman, 25c; Robert Beaman, 25c; E. F. Davis, 5c; C. W. Davis, 5c; W. K. Harvis, 25c; J. B. Davis, 5c; James A. Morris, 10c; G. F. Blake, 5c, N. W. Lomax, 20c; L. Russell, 25c; A. R. Stoker, 5c; O.

A. Hurley, 10c; A. Russell, 25c; C. Hulin, 10c; P. Morris, 15c; S. Strider, 15c. Total, $2.20.

ANTIOCH CIRCUIT.

Gen. J. Q. A. Bryan, $1; William A. Brooks, 50c; W. S. Thompson, 10c; Matthew E. Owen, 25c; John A. Ross, 25c; Miss Alice Harris, 10c; Calvin J. Felts, 20c; Sidney S. Thompson, 10c; William H. Carter, 25c; S. H. Carter, 25c; Andrew J. Brown, 50c; Rev. James F. Roberts, 25c; C. W. Smith, 25c; Eli Simmons, 25c; Frances Bryan, 50c; Mrs. Sallie Bryan. 50c; Miss Bettie Carson, 50c; Guy T. Andrews, 25c; Miss Sallie A. Bryan, 25c; Garfield N. Andrews, 25c; Mrs. Martha J. Wolfe, 10c; Isom G. Hackler, 25c; Rufus W. Brooks, 25c; Gilomiel L. Smoot, 25c; John H. Hostler, 25c; William C. Waddill, 10c; Andrew J. Billings, 10c; T. S. Bryan, 30c; Mrs. M. E. Alexander, 25c; Matthew Waddill, 10c; Miss Rosa D. Smoot, 20c; Miles H. Vestal, 25c; Mrs. Sarah J. Brown, 25; George W. Brown, 10c; Mrs. R. E. Brooks, 25c; John Hutchison, 25c; J. M. Brown, 10c; William E. Brooks, 5c; W. M. Brown, 5c; John W. Brown, 5c; Hardin S. Holbrook, 50c; Noah H. Robinette, 50c; Miss Nannie Holbrook, 50c; Joshua N. Holbrook, 25c; R. T. Holbrook, 50c; James M. Holbrook, 10c; Rev. John W. Brown, 15c; Thomas W. Pless, 10c; L. F. Tucker, 10c; E. G. Goss, 10c; Rev. E. J. Winkler, 10c; Eli Graybeal, 25c; J. W Jones, 10c; Mrs. Mary J. Jones, 10c; Rufus Graybeal, 10c; George Smoot, 10c; Henry Simmons, 10c; Nathan S. Johnson, 5c; Mrs. Nancy Hanks, 25c; James Miller. 50c; W. E. Cooper, 25c; Mrs. Z, R. Carter, 25c; Miss M. E. Cooper, 10c; Mrs. Ruth P. Hester, 10c; Henry Jackson, 25c; Mrs. L. C. Cooper, 10c; Rev. C. F. Fields, 5c; John D. Blizzard, 25c; P. R. Beamer, 25c; J. R. Smith, 25c; John H. Wolfe, 50c; Rev. J. A. Callaway, 25c; Miss Bettie Wolfe, 25c; J. H. T. Callaway, 25c; Miss Nettie Kapp, 10c; Mrs. Kapp, 10c; Francis Harris, 10c; Rev. Daniel J. Roberts, 10c; Lillie Woodruff, 5c; Rev. W. J. Wyatt, 25c; Mrs. C. L. Woodruff, 10c; Mancy F. Woodruff, 5c.—$6.65; Missionary, $15; Board of Church Extension, $2; Sunday-School Union, $1; Freedmen's Aid Society, $1; Tract Society, $1; Education, $1; American Bible Society, $1; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, $1; Woman's Home Mission Society, $1; Bishops, $1. Total, $25.

R. L. SELLE, P. C.

ASHEVILLE CHARGE.

J. E. Reed, $5; Rev. T. J. Dawson, 25c; P. R. Dawson, 25c; W. E. Reymer, 25c; J. C. Plyler, 25c; C. D. Joiner 25c; J. C. Clark, 25c; W. F Rice, 25c; N. C. Clark, 25c; Daniel Cordell, 25c; J. N. Mafflitt, 25c; J. H. Rice, 25c; Jane Nesbitt, 25c; N. J. Nesbitt, 25c; Salina Stepp, 25c; J. R.

Stepp, 25c; E. Maffitt, 25c; J. B. West, 25c; Lenana West, 25c; Elcey Alred, 20c; Sarah Stunson, 20c; W. H. Mason, 50c; Annie Nesbitt, 10c; J. B. Marlow, 10c; T. L. Marlow, 10c; Liza Nesbitt, 10c, Nancy Nesbitt, 10c; John Bass, 10c; Julia Crage, 10c; F. H. Crage, 10c; S. G. Allen, 10c; Orey Cordell, 10c; S. E. Davis, 10c; William Lankster, 5c; John Right, 5c; Leander Cordell, 5c; Alfred Cordell, 5c; Albert Cordell, 5c.

D. M. CLAYTON, P. C.

PARSONS.

J. H. Blake, 25c; D. L. Parson, 25c; W. F. Blake, 25c; Davie Poole, 25c; Dr. W. P, Lewis, 30c; John Boyd, 25c; D. C. Parson, 25c; C. A. Parson, 25c; R. A. Parson, $1; M. Parson, 10c; S. T. Parson, 10c; V. J. Parson, 5c; J. A. Parson, 25c; J. C. Parson, 22c; B. F. Parson, $1. Total, $4.80.

BAKERSVILLE AND CRANBERRY.

W. S. Hyams, $1; W. R. Clapp, $1; C. R. Garland, 50c; W. S. Hickey, 50c; W. C. Gibbs, 50c; Waitsell Goff, 50c; Simon Hoyle, 25c; Mrs. Hoyle, 25c, Mrs. Bowman, 50c; Mrs. Hittie Hyams, 25c; Mrs. Presswood, 25c; Mrs. Malissa Roy, 25c; J. F. Plumer, 25c; Rev. E. J. Wilson, 25c; Joe Freeman, 25c; Jeff Garland, 50c; Prof. R. H. Freeland, 25c; G. S. Burton, 10c; Cash, 15; Mrs. S. L. Ford, $2; Cash, $2.50. Total, $12.

W. T. FORD, P. C.

CHANDLER'S GROVE.

J. B. Coggins, 25c; P. Hall, 25c; W. G. Chandler, 25c; K. Chandler, 25c; J. N. Lomax; 25c. John Baily, 25c; J. W, Lomax, 25c; William Russell, 25c; J. W. Harris, 25c. Total, $2.25.

H. D CHRISTENBURY, Uwharrie Ct., N. C.

EAGLE SPRINGS.

B. Baily, 50c; A. E. Bailey, 25c; D. J. Preist, 50c; J. M. Lomax, 25c. E. M. Baily, 15c; D. Baily, 25c; J. W. Yarbegh, 25c; L. M. Baily, 25c; M; A. Runnels, 6c. Total, $2.46.

YADKINVILLE CIRCUIT.

Amount each Church paid: Prospect, $5; Temple Hill, $4.56; Mitchell's Chapel, $2.30; Union, $1. Total, $12.86.

A. J. JOHNSON, P. C.

ELLIOTT'S GROVE.

John Elliotte, 50c; John Kitth, 25c; Jackson Kitth, 25c. Total, $1.

MEMOIR.

JOHN NELSON BARKER was born in Lincoln county, North Carolina in February, 1818, and was born from above on the fourth of July, 1829, at the old Church near his last residence. He united at once with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1836, was licensed to exhort, and to preach in 1840, from which time he continued to do so, until his death. Hewas ordained a Deacon and subsequently an Elder,and supplied a number of circuits, in the Methodist Church South, in which he labored efficiently and usefully, until the organization of our church, when in 1868, he was admitted on Trial in the Virginia and North Carolina Conference, and was appointed to the Alexander, North Wilkes and Yadkin Circuit, with J. M. Welborn as junior preacher (who had been admitted at the same session.) It was a very successful year, during which a series of revival meetings were held, lasting ten consecutive weeks, in which over one hundred and fifty persons were brought to the Saviour. His subsequent appointments were mostly in the western part of the State, where he was well known, and generally, greatly beloved. His labors were crowned with abundant evidences of his Master's approval, and hundreds of souls were led to Christ by him.

Brother Barker was a Methodist from thorough convictions; he knew the doctrines, he believed them and he preached them.

He was an earnest, honest man, and accepted the work of the Ministry as a precious trust and privilege.

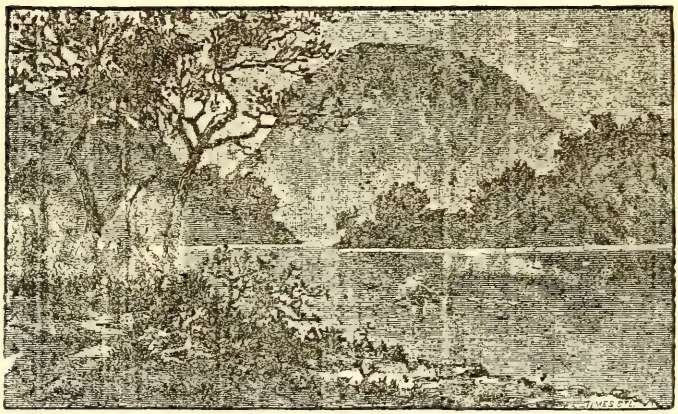
He was a revivalist, and although, not a great, he was a good preacher, whose sermons were all intended to produce present results, and they very often did so.

Brother Barker enjoyed religion, and frequently gave expression to his joy in a very fervent manner, although he was by no means a very "noisy Methodist." His experience was quiet and uniform, he loved God, and the souls of men, and had the witness of the Spirit, of his acceptance, as a constant experience.

His last appointment was to Jefferson Circuit, where he labored but a short time, until he was stricken with disease and was for months, unable to travel. For about four months he lingered, at times, suffering severely, but being graciously sustained by the Lord. To a brother, who visited him on the day of his death, he said, "All was well, that he was ready to go," and on the 10th of April last, as the sun was sinking in the west, he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, and we doubt not, has entered into the fulness of joy in our Father's house. Of him we may truthfully say:

"Servant of God, well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought the race is run,
And Thou art crowned at last."

J. M. WELBORN,
F. A. L. CLARK, } Committee.



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Examiner:—J. R. Cannon, D. M. Clayton.

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THIRD YEAR.

Examiners:—E. J. Winkler, T. W. Brown.

Class:W. P. Barker, A. J. Johnson, C. W. Smith, A. H. Peeples, F. A. L. Clarke, Wiley Perry, D. N. Franklin, W. A. Ballew.

FOURTH YEAR.

Examiners:—J. D. Roberson, W. Q. A. Graham.

Class:—J. H. Gillespie, E. J. Winkler.

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LOCAL ORDERS.

Examiners:—T. W. Matney, J. F. West.

QUESTION 25.—Have any been Located?

None.

QUESTION 26.—Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?

None.

QUESTION 27.—Have any been expelled?

None.

QUESTION 28.—Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?

See Organization and Committees in first of this book.

QUESTION 29.—What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?

See tabulated statement.

QUESTION 30.—What are the claims on the Conference fund?

Seventy-six dollars.

QUESTION 31.—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?

Seventy six dollars, which has been applied under order of the Conference.

QUESTION 32.—Where are the Preachers stationed?

See Appointments.

QUESTION 33.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

Clyde, North Carolina.

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 19th, 1887.

The Ninth Session of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, opened in the Church in Asheville, on the Nineteenth Day of October, 1887.

The Conference was called to order at nine o'clock, A. M., by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D. D.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

The Secretary of the last session being absent the roll was called by J. D. Roberson.

On motion of C. S. Long the Secretary was elected by ballot.

W. Q. A. Graham and D. N. McInturff were appointed tellers.

W. Q. A. Graham was elected secretary. E. J. Winkler was elected assistant secretary. J. R. Cannon was elected statistical secretary.

On nomination by the Presiding Elders the usual standing committees were appointed. (See organization.)

E. J. Winkler was appointed to canvass for Dr. Kynett's book.

Communications were received from Dr. Kynett, New York Book Committee, Episcopal Fund, General Conference, Entertainment Committee, Freedman's Aid Society. They were referred to the proper committees.

On motion the Conference room was restricted to the space in front of the sixth seat from the Chancel.

On motion the hour for opening the exercises was fixed at 8:30, A. M., the half hour to be devoted to a prayer meeting—and the hour for closing to be 12 o'clock.

A draft was ordered on the Book Concern for $46.00. Also one on the Chartered Fund for $30.00.

Rev. Mr. Taylor of the Kentucky Conference, M. E. Church South; Rev. N. S. Albright of the North Ohio Conference, and Rev. W. R. Long of the Holston Conference, were introduced.

On motion of C. S. Long the election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day for 10 o,clock, Friday morning.

The consideration of the plan for a change of the basis of representation. was made the order of the day for 10:15 o'clock, Friday morning.

On motion of C. S. Long it was ordered that we have preaching each day at 11 o'clock.

It was ordered that the various committees meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Taylor addressed the Conference, after which a stanza of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., was sung.

Notices were given. Doxology was sung. Benediction by W. R. Long.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 20th, 1887.

At nine o'clock, a. m., the Conference was opened by F. M. Pressley, the Bishop in the chair. After half an hour spent in devotional exercises, the business was resumed.

The roll of absentees was called, and G. L. Henderson, A. H. Peeples, H. D. Christenbury, E. H. Reynolds, W. J. Wyatt, W. A. Ballew, Wiley Perry, D. N. Franklin, F. M. Pressley, W. C. Bellomy answered to their names.

Mr. D. W. Bunyan, of the Cincinnati Book Concern, and Rev. C. O. Jones, of Tennessee, were introduced to the Conference.

C. S. Long was appointed to represent the Methodist Ministers' Relief Association.

The 20th question was taken up—*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

C. S. Long. His character passed and he read an interesting report of the growth and development of the work on Asheville District.

D. M. Clayton, J. F. Woodfin, G. L. Henderson, F. M. Pressley, and T. W. Brown, passed.

J. D. Roberson. His character passed and he submitted a cheering report of Bakersville District.

T. W. Matney, passed.

R. M. Witt. His character passed. He reported Statesville District.

N. M. Cooper, F. A. L. Clark, W. Q. A. Graham, J. R. Cannon and W. C. Bellomy, passed.

Rev. Mr. Akers, of the M. E. Church South, and Rev. Dr. Carroll, of the Baptist Church, were introduced.

On motion of J. D. Roberson, W. F. Parker and W. C. Bellomy were appointed to examine the class in the second year.

Notices were given. Conference adjourned for preaching by Rev. R. M. Witt.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 21st, 1887.

Conference met at 8:30 for its morning prayer meeting, the Bishop in the chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. J. F. Spence, President of Grant Memorial University, Rev. R. Smith, Presiding Elder Western District North Carolina Conferenence, were introduced.

Question 14 was taken up.—*What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

Harper D. Christenbury. The Committee of Examination reported favorably. On representation by his Presiding Elder he was elected to Elders' Orders.

F. M. Pressley. The Examining Committee reported, His Presiding Elder represented him, and he was passed out of the course. (He is an Elder.)

Question 13 was taken up.—*Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*

Jesse H. Gillespie. The Examining Committee reported. His Presiding Elder represented him, and he was advanced to the second class.

Edmund J. Winkler. Upon favorable recommendation by the Examiners and his Presiding Elder, was advanced to the second class.

W. P. Barker, A. J. Johnson, C. W. Smith, F. A. L. Clark. Absent. Not examined. They were continued as Deacons of the first class in third year's studies.

Question 3 was taken up—*Who remain on trial?*

Wilson J. Wyatt. Committee on Examination reported. His Presiding Elders represented him, and he was continued in the first year's studies.

George L. Henderson. J. W. Heatherly, L. A. Rominger, J. B. Tucker, J. P. Brantley, E. H. Reynolds. Examining Committee reported favorably. The Presiding Elders represented them and they were advanced to the second year's studies.

Question 5 was taken up—*Who are admitted into full Connection?*

Alexander H. Peeples, (Deacon), Wiley Perry, (Deacon), D. N. Franklin, (Deacon), were favorably represented by the Examiners and Presiding Elders, and admitted to full connection.

W. A. Ballew was also favorably represented and admitted and elected to Deacons' Orders.

The Bishop called the class up and addressed them, and asked the usual Disciplinary Questions and obtained from each a satisfactory answer.

The order of the day.—The election of Delegates to the General Conference was taken up.

C. S. Long and D. M. Clayton were appointed tellers.

J. D. Roberson was elected upon the second ballot.

On motion it was decided that a plurality vote elect the reserve. R. M. Witt was elected.

The second item.—The change of the basis of General Conference representation was taken up. Result: 19 against. None for a change.

Conference adjourned by preaching by Rev. J. F. Woodfin.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 22nd, 1887.

At 8:30 Bishop Mallalieu in the chair. D. N. McIuturff opened the devotional exercises.

Journal of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

Rev. T. B. Russell, Presiding Elder of Greenville District, and Rev. S. J. Ketron, of Holston Conference were introduced.

Reports of Committees were called for.

Committee on Freedman's Aid submitted the following report:

Your Committee beg to report that,

WHEREAS, The Freedman's Aid Society has disbursed more than $1,700,000 in the South during the last twenty years, in erecting institutions of learning and in educating the masses, and training teachers, and

WHEREAS, about 48 per cent. of the population of North Carolina are unable to write, and,

WHEREAS, We, as a Conference, have been very derelict in our duty to this Society. Therefore,

Resolved, That each pastor shall take a collection for this society from each class during the year.

E. J. WINKLER.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause reported as follows:

Your Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to report that most of our people are well supplied with the Word of God, and that we, as a Conference, feel thankful to Almighty God for this blessing.

Resolved, Therefore, that we, as Ministers of the Gospel, pledge ourselves to do all we can to supply the deficiency of the same, and to increase our collection for the American Bible Society.

JOHN P. BRANTLEY, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Conference Stewards reported. Report adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts reported as follows:

1. That there is a growing interest in this department of our Church work in nearly all of our charges throughout the Blue Ridge Conference.

2. That a large majority of our Sunday Schools are run on the Lesson Leaf system, and, that we, as a Conference, will use our united energies to introduce this system in all our churches and congregations.

3. That we will continue our labors and prayers on this line, until our Sunday School literature fills the shelves of every library in the bounds of our work.

4. And we recommend the appointment of some one as our Conference Sunday School and Tract Agent to travel throughout our Conference, hold Sunday School Institutes, lecture on the duties of officers and teachers, take collections for the Sunday School cause, and aid as far as possible the Presiding Elders and Pastors in carrying out the great plan of Dr. Vincent in this department of our Church work.

W. F. PARKER, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg to report that,

WHEREAS, The irrepressible conflict between the American Home and Saloon is upon us. And,

WHEREAS, Every patriot, every philanthropist, and especially every christian is expected to take a firm stand on the side of God, Home and Native Land.

Resolved, That we record ourselves as unutterably opposed to the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, second, That while we believe that the private appetite should be struck at through the Church, the Home, and the Temperance Societies, we also believe, that the public sale should be struck at through the ballot box.

Resolved, third, That we favor the passage of laws by our legislative bodies looking to the suppression of this destructive traffic.

TOBACCO.

WHEREAS, In years past the General Conference has exhorted

all our members to be free from the tobacco habit, and,

WHEREAS, They have ordered an investigation as to whether every licensed local preacher uses tobacco, and,

WHEREAS, They have required every candidate for the traveling ministry to promise wholly to abstain from the use of tobacco, and,

WHEREAS, It would be an amazing inconsistency, bordering on hypocrisy, which Methodism cannot afford to show to a self-indulgent and sceptical generation, to elect to her highest executive position, any man who has scorned these advices, and whose tobacco would cost him his admission into any of our Annual Conferences,

Resolved, That our delegates in next General Conference are hereby instructed to ascertain beforehand that every person for whom they shall cast a ballot as Bishop, is not, and for a satisfactory period has not, been addicted to the use of tobacco.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM.

We, the Conference of Laymen, fully endorse this resolution.

J. E. REED, Chairman,
H. F. KETRON, Secretary.

W. Q. A. Graham offered the following resolution concerning Dr. C. S. Long, who leaves us for Japan:

WHEREAS, Dr. C. S. Long, Presiding Elder of Asheville District, has been the victim of a number of malicious attacks through the papers of Asheville, in which he has been characterized as a "spy," "slanderer," "falsifier," &c., because of, as we believe, truthful statements in regard to the state of affairs religiously, existing in North Carolina and the South.

Resolved, That we endorse his course during the year that he has so faithfully devoted to the upbuilding of our Church on Asheville District, and,

Resolved, That it is with sadness that we part with him and that we will ever pray God's blessings upon him and while we lose one of our best members, it is a pleasure to us to commend him to the love and confidence of those to whom he may go.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given the *Citizen*, *Advance*, and the *Methodist Advocate* at Chattanooga, and that they be requested to publish them.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

The successful growth and development of a Church depends very largely upon the circulation of its literature among its lay officers and members. And there seems to be a great deficiency in regard to the literature of the M. E. Church, in the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference. Therefore,

Resolved, That we do all we can to place the literature of our own Church in the Sunday Schools of our Church, and in the hands of all our people. R. M. WITT.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We believe it to be the duty of every Christian body to aim for the highest possible development of its members and people. Looking to this important work, Methodism has ever been the friend and protector of every laudable enterprise that has for its object the higher education of the people. The numerous institutions of learning of various grades spread throughout the continent, attest the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church to this feature of Christian work. It is with grateful hearts that we recognize the importance and inestimable benefit conferred by this Church upon the needy of the South during the last twenty years. We are profoundly impressed with the necessity of pure Christian influences in schools of high grade in order for true development of manhood and womanhood, and such we believe all the schools of our Church to be. We, therefore, take pleasure in calling attention to the following institutions:

LEICESTER SEMINARY.

This School is located at Leicester, Buncombe county, N. C., and is under the control of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference. During the past year the property has been repaired and improved, at an expense of about $700, and is now in excellent condition. The Trustees have been fortunate in securing the services of Prof. H. F. Ketron, A. M., as Principal of the School. He is a Christian gentleman of rare abilities and ripe scholarship. We earnestly invite the attention of those who have sons or daughters to educate, to carefully consider the claims of this School, as

to healthfulness, cheapness and thoroughness of training. The School is now in a flourishing condition, with fair promises of rapidly becoming a centre of great power for usefulness in Western North Carolina.

FAIR VIEW SEMINARY.

In pursuance of the action of the Conference at its last Session, arrangements have been made and the property at Trap Hill, Wilkes county, North Carolina, valued at something like two thousand dollars, has been secured and deeded to the M. E. Church. A good School has been started and is in prosperous condition. ....., is the Principal, a man well qualified for the place, and in every way worthy the confidence and patronage of the people. We take pleasure in recommending this School to the favor of all interested in educational work.

CHATTANOOGA UNIVERSITY.

The Church, through the agency of one of its incorporated societies, has entirely established this strong and commanding institution of learning in the historic and central city, Chattanooga, Tenn. The Board of Trustees say the building is a four-story brick structure with a high stone basement, 120 feet front by 100 feet deep containing over eighty rooms, besides wardrobe, bathing-rooms, and every modern convenience. The architectural beauty of the building is marked by all, and the internal arrangements and finish are not surpassed, if equalled, by any school-building in the South. It is the best structure owned by our church in the South, and a property for which fully $90,000 has been expended, chiefly the offering of our Methodism to our Southern educational work for the whites of the central South. The Faculty is able and efficient, and we take pleasure in recommending this institution to all who desire for themselves or family a school that will prepare its students for the highest type of usefulness.

GRANT MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

This School was established by our Church, under the direc-

tion of the Holston Conference soon after the close of the war. Its career has been that of great usefulness. It has accomplished incalculable good in the way of educating ministers, teachers and other workers. It has a good building, strong Faculty, and is worthy of the patronage of the people, and we rejoice in its prospect of increased usefulness.

Resolved, That we the members of this Conference will use our influence in every possible and reasonable way to promote the interest of our educational work, and to induce all of the young people we can to attend some of our schools.

J. D. ROBERSON, Chairman.

J. D. Roberson gave some instructions in regard to Church Extension work.

Question 10 was taken up.—*What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

A. W. Osborne was duly recommended by Bakersville District Conference. S. A. Earnhardt and J. J. Rhyne, by the Statesville District Conference. The Committee reported favorably, and they were elected to Local Deacons' Orders.

Question 1 was taken up.—*Who are admitted by transfer and from what Conferences?*

G. E. Cunningham was transferred from St. Louis Conference. W. G. Matton was transferred as a Supernumerary from West Virginia Conference. He was made effective and appointed Temperance agent.

Question 6 was taken up.—*Who are re-admitted?*

M. W. Broyles was upon motion of C. S. Long re-admitted.

Question 18 was taken up.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

A. F. English was continued. J. F. West and W. F. Parker were made effective. W. F. Parker was appointed Sunday School and Tract Agent.

Question 19 was taken up.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

J. W. Naylor was continued.

Question 33.—*Where shall the next Conference be held*, was asked. Upon motion of T. W. Brown, Clyde, N. C., was selected.

Question 2 was taken up.—*Who are admitted on trial?*

D. N. McInturff, E. J. Fortner, J. J. Rhyne, S. A. Earnhardt,

J. M. Life, were admitted an trial.

Rev. Dr. Rankin and Rev. Dr. Summers of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced.

The Committee on Memoirs submitted the following report:

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER MATHESON.

Son of Eli and Anna Matheson, was born in Lincoln county, North Carolina, May 14th, 1829. He joined the M. E. Church, South, as a seeker of religion, in 1851, at Shooting Creek Camp Grounds, Clay county, N. C. and in about two weeks afterward professed saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was baptized by pouring by the Rev. J. R. Littlejohn. Soon after his conversion he was licensed to preach as a local preacher in the M. E. Church South, in which capacity he did faithful service until the re-organization of the M. E. Church in the South, when he entered her communion, and faithfully and heroically labored to establish the principles and doctrines of the old mother Church, until the 21st of June, 1887, when the Master called him from labor unto rest. For several years he was employed as an itinerant preacher in which capacity he was eminently successful, and the fruits of his labors are seen in many of the counties of Western North Carolina. Brother Matheson was a man of strong mental powers, and great decision of character. He could not be moved from what he believed to be right. He would not "follow a multitude to do evil." His was a grand and noble character in every sense. The disease of which he died was cancer of the stomach, which produced great suffering for many months, all of which he bore with Christian courage and resignation. I saw him twice during his afflictions, and at each time he told me he was ready and willing to go at any time. There seemed to be but one thing for which he cared to live, viz: that he might live awhile longer to preach the blessed gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which he gloried above all things. But he has gone to his heavenly reward. May the peace and blessings of God rest upon his bereaved companion and children.

C. S. LONG, Committee.

On motion of C. S. Long, when we adjourn it be to meet at 7:30 p. m.

Conference adjourned by preaching by the Rev. C. O. Jones.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, October 22nd, 1887.

Conference met according to adjournment, Mallalieu in the chair. Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

On motion the Presiding Elders were instructed to ascertain the defficiency in the amount necessary for General Conference entertainment and collect the same by April, 1888.

Question 7 was taken up.—*Who are received on credentials from other Churches?*

C. S Long recommended L. J. Penland for recognition of orders. The Bishop called him forward and propounded the usual questions. He was recognized as a local Elder.

J. D. Roberson offered a resolution asking the Parent Board of Church Extension to appropriate the amount due this Conference from last year to the Church at Asheville.

Question 15 was resumed. C. S. Long, that D. N. McInturff be elected to Elders' Orders under missionary rule

The Conference Treasurer reported.

Received for Missions,	$300.35
" " Church Extension,	45.45
" " Sunday School Union,	6.00
" " Tract Society	6.00
" " Freedman's Aid Society,	4.00
" " Education,	5.00
" " American Bible Society,	3.10
" " Women's Foreign Missionary Society,	1.00
TOTAL,	$370.90

The report was adopted.

On motion of J. D. Roberson, it was ordered that the same methods for raising benevolent collections be observed that were used last year.

On motion of C. S. Long, the Presiding Elders were appointed as committee on publication of minutes, and were instructed to raise monies to pay the printer by the customary plan.

At this juncture the business was suspended for the Sunday School Anniversary.

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The 6th question was resumed, and, upon motion of C. S. Long, C. O. Jones was re-admitted upon his certificate of location from Holston Conference.

It was moved that when we adjourn it be to meet to-morrow night at the close of the services for the reading of the appointments.

Announcements for preaching in the various pulpits were made. Minutes were read, and Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

SUNDAY EVENING, October 23rd, 1887.

After services the Bishop called the Conference to order for the reading of the appointments.

The Secretary read the following certificate:

This is to certify that the undersigned at Asheville, N. C., Oct. 23rd, 1887, ordained to the office of Deacon, Edwin Anderson, Wilson A. Osborn, Jeremiah J. Rhyne, Stokes A. Earnhart and William A. Ballew; and, also at the same date and place, assisted by several Elders, the undersigned ordained to the office of Elder Harper D. Christenbury, and David N. McInturff.

David N. McInturff, under appointment as Missionary to Japan, was ordained under Missionary rules.

W. F. MALLALIEU.

Done at Asheville, N. C., Oct. 23rd, 1887.

E. J. Winkler offered the following resolutions of thanks:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due to the citizens of Asheville for so hospitably entertaining us during the sessions of our Conference.

E. J. WINKLER.

Resolved, That this Conference feels very grateful to our beoved Bishop W. F. Mallalieu for the able manner in which he has presided over our deliberations, and for the manifst interest he has taken in our work, and will always be pleased to have him preside over our Conference.

E. J. WINKLER.

The appointments were then read as follows:

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

T. W. BROWN, Presiding Elder, (P. O.) Clyde, N. C.

Asheville Station,.....C. O. Jones.
Asheville Circuit,.....M. W. Broyles.
Franklin Circuit,.....D. N. Franklin.
Waynesville Circuit,.....Supplied by L. J. Penly.
Henderson Circuit,.....J. F. Woodfin.
Highland Circuit,.....To be Supplied.
Leicester Circuit,.....G. L. Henderson.
Murphy Circuit,.....To be Supplied.
Pigeon River Circuit,.....To be Supplied.
Pisgah Circuit,.....D. M. Clayton.
Spartanburg Circuit,.....J. F. West.
Tryon City Station,.....E. Anderson.
Tryon Mission,.....F. M. Pressley.
Webster Circuit,.....W. Evans.

W. F. Parker, Conference Sunday School and Tract Agent. Member of Leicester Circuit Quarterly Conference.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

R. M. WITT, Presiding Elder, (P. O.) Leicester, N. C.

Antioch Circuit,.....J. M. Life.
Alexander Circuit,.....N. M. Cooper.
Forsythe Circuit,.....E. J. Winkler.
Gastonia,.....W. Perry.
Mocksville,.....A. J. Johnson.
Mt. Mitchell,.....W. J. Wyatt.
Pilot Mountain Mission,.....S. A. Earnhardt.
Stanly,.....H. D. Christenberry.
Troy,.....F. A. L. Clark.
Wilkesboro,.....J. J. Rhyne.
Yadkin,.....W. C. Bellomy.

W. G. Matton, Conference Temperance Agent, Member of Forsythe Quarterly Conference.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. D. Roberson, Presiding Elder, (P. O.) Bakersville, N. C.

Bakersville Station,.....J. D. Roberson.

Boone Circuit,.....J. P. Brantley.
Catawba Circuit,.....T. W. Matney.
Jefferson,.....C. W. Smith.
Morganton,.....To be Supplied.
New River .....J. B. Tucker.
Obids,.....E. J. Forkner.
Red Hill,.....W. A. Ballew.
Toe River,.....L. A. Rominger.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

W. Q. A. Graham, Presiding Elder, (P. O.) Smyrna, N. C.

Bethlehem Station,.....W. Q. A. Graham.
Harker's Island Circuit.....A. H. Peeples.
Morehead City Circuit,.....To be Supplied.
Ocracoke Circuit, ...J. R. Cannon.
Swansboro Circuit,.....To be Supplied.

E. H. Reynolds, J. W. Heatherly, W. P. Barker and G. E. Cunningham, were left without appointments to attend school.

Conference then adjourned *sine die*, with the benediction by the Bishop.

I certify that the above is a correct record of the doings of the Blue Ridge Conference.

W. Q. A. Graham, Secretary.

STATISTICS NO. 1.—Of the Blue

Name of Charges	Membership.				Baptisms.		Church Property.							
	No. of Probationers	No. of full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building & impr'v'g churches and parsonages.	P'd on old ind't'ness on church pr'p'ty.	Pres'nt ind't'ness on church pr'p'ty.	Current Expenses sexton, light, fuel, etc.
Bakersville District														
Boone	20	177	6	...	7	6	5	$2,350	...	.....	$ 435	.....	$ 30	$10.00
Red Hill	37	157	1	1	2	3		.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Toe River	12	96	2	1	2	6		.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New River	65	275	5	1	.....	4	3	900	...	.....	20	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	80	227	6	...	.....	31	3	1.300	1	$ 400	85	.....	.....	.....
Bakersville	3	60	...	1	.....	7	1	1,400	...	.....	700	.....	200	20.00
Catawba	25	250	1	1	7	2	3	350	...	.....	40	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL	242	1222	21	5	18	59	15	$6,300	1	400	$1,280	.....	$230	30.00
Statesville District														
Mt. Mitchell	35	175	2	2	12	2	3	2,200	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harker's Isl'd	17	130	...	...	14	.....	2	3,000	2	200	350	.....	.....	5.00
Trap Hill	60	187	3	...	4	12	2	1,600	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stanly	6	170	2	4	1	.....	4	2,000	...	.....	15	30	30	.....
Alexander	8	116	1	2	24	5	5	2,000	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yadkin	67	380	3	...	.....	75	6	4,000	...	.....	1,500	.....	.....	.....
Forsythe	18	135	3	...	.....	18	4	1,000	...	.....	2,000	.....	.....	07
Troy	36	289	3	...	15	6	6	2,150	1	75	27	.....	.....	.....
Wilkesboro	13	188	6	...	.....	14	2	400	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ocracoke	17	53	...	...	11	.....	1	1,200	...	.....	200	.....	.....	18.00
TOTAL	267	1823	23	8	81	132	35	19,550	3	275	4,082	30	30	23.07
Asheville District														
Asheville Sta.	4	133	1	1	5	40	1	7,000	1	1.000	4,000	800	2800	10.00
Asheville Ct.	17	130	1	1	6	10	2	1,500	...	.....	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Franklin Ct	14	108	1	6	5	5	2	1,300	...	.....	.....	.....	500	.....
Leicester Ct	21	150	3	4	3	18	2	800	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pigeon River	29	199	4	2	9	11	4	2,500	1	425	300	.....	.....	.....
Toe River Ct	12	96	2	1	2	6	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tryon Mission	17	138	...	2	17	19	2	1,200	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webster Ct	12	57	3	...	3	4	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henderson Ct	22	156	1	...	3	4	3	1,800	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tryon City Sta	3	13	1	...	.....	.....	1	1,000	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Murphy Ct	22	143	3	1	2	3	3	700	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pisgah Circuit	49	550	...	...	6	60	5	4,300	...	.....	700	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL	216	1873	20	18	61	180	25	22,100	2	1,425	7,500	800	3300	22.00
" Statesv'e D	267	1823	23	8	81	132	35	19,550	3	275	4,082	30	30	23.07
" Bakersville	242	1222	21	5	18	59	15	11,500	1	400	1,280	.....	230	30.00
GRAND TOTAL	725	4938	64	31	160	371	75	53,150	6	2,100	12,862	830	3560	$75.07
G T Last Year	844	5108	48	17	139	326	70	41,950	4	1,275	2,728	410	130	25.00
Increase	.....	.....	16	14	21	45	5	11,200	2	1,825	10,124	420	3430	40.07
Decrease	119	170	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Ridge Conference, for 1887.

Sund'y-Sch'ls			Benevolent Collections.											Min. Supp't		
			FOR MISSIONS.													
No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Total.	For B'rd of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedman's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	Wom. For. Mis. So'ty	Wom. H'me Mis. So'ty	For Pastor, Presid'g Elder and Bishop.	For Conf'r Claim'ts	Other Collections.
4	16	160	5.00	.....	5.00	1	.....	.....	50	.....	50	...	...	80	...	...
2	14	115	6.00	.....	6.00	3	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	...	...	66	...	..
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6	30	395	9.80	.....	9.80	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	...	...	98	..	...
3	27	200	11.00	.....	11.00	4 00	2.05	25	.....	.....	.....	...	...	100	...	...
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1	6	25	3.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	40	..	...
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1	7	30	5.00	.....	5.00	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	..	..
3	12	60	15.00	.....	15.00	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	85	..	...
...	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	58	...	...
...	.....	.....	6.00	.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	55	..	...
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STATISTICS NO. 2.—Of the Blue Ridge Conference, for 1887.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTORS.	PASTORS. Claims includ'g House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	PASTORS. Rec'ts includ'g House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	PASTORS. Deficiencies.	P. Elders Apportioned.	P. Elders Paid.	Bishops. Apportioned.	Bishops. Paid.	C. Cl's Apportioned	C. Cl's Paid.
Bakersville District										
Red Hill	W. Perry	150	56	94	25	9	1	1	...	...
Boone	W. A. Ballew	180	70	110	25	10	....	.....	...	...
Jefferson	C. W. Smith	300	140	160	20	15	1	.....	...	...
Bakersville	J. D. Roberson	150	100	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Catawba	T. W. Matney	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
New River	J. B. Tucker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Toe River	L A. Rominger	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Statesville District										
Mt. Mitchell	A. H. Peeples	170	76	94	20	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Harker's Isl'd	N. M. Cooper	120	100	25	20	10	.....	.....	..	...
Alexander	W. J. Wyatt	100	74	26	20	6	.....	.....	...	...
Ocracoke	J. R. Cannon	200	139	61	20	21	1	.....	1	..
Troy	H. D. Christenb'y	200	184	16	20	4	....	.....	...	...
Forsythe	E J. Winkler	100	75	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Yadkin	A. J. Johnson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Stanly	J. P. Brantly	20	.....	20	.....	2	.....	.....	...	...
Trap Hill	W. Q. A. Graham	100	50	50	10	5	.....	.....	...	...
Wilkesboro	W. C. Bellomy	100	39	61	10	1	.....	.....	2	...
Asheville District										
Asheville Sta.	D. N. McInturff.	125	125	.....	25	20	.....	.....	...	...
Murphy Ct	D. M. Matherson	125	41	84	25	14	.....	.....	...	...
Tryon City Sta	Edwin Anderson	.....	26	.....	15	11	1	1	...	...
Pisgah Circuit	G. L. Henderson	350	177	173	30	24	.....	.....	...	...
Asheville Ct.	E. H. Reynolds	100	76	24	20	20	.....	.....	...	...
Henderson Ct	D. M. Clayton	150	50	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Webster Ct	L. J. Penly	125	16	109	20	10	.....	.....	...	...
Tryon Mission	F. M. Pressly	125	55	70	20	20	.....	.....	...	...
Toe River Ct.	L A. Rominger	.....	.....	.....	15	13	.....	.....	...	...
Pigeon River	J. W. Brown	370	330	40	30	25	.....	.....	...	...
Leicester Ct	J. H. Gillespie	200	93	107	25	17	1	1	...	...
Franklin Ct	D. N. Franklin	100	52	48	12	6	2	.....	...	...
Total for Asheville District		1,770	1,041	729	227	180	4	2	...	...
Total for Bakersville District		780	366	414	60	35	2	1	...	..
Total for Statesville District		1,225	784	421	140	45	1	.....	3	..
GRAND TOTAL		$3,775	$2,191	$1,564	$427	$260	$ 7	$ 3	3	..

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Rev. J. R. CANNON,.....Stat. Sec.

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On Examination.

FIRST YEAR.

W. F. Parker, H. D. Christenbury, E. J. Winkler.

SECOND YEAR.

J. R. Cannon, N. M. Cooper, D. M. Clayton.

THIRD YEAR.

A. J. Johnson, T. W. Brown, M. W. Broyles.

FOURTH YEAR.

J. D. Roberson, W. Q. A. Graham, J. H. Gillespie.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

W. A. Ballew, A. H. Peoples, C. W. Smith.

LOCAL ORDERS.

T. W. Matney, Wiley Perry, F. A. L. Clark.

District Boards of Church Location.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. D. Roberson, L. A. Rominger, T. W. Matney, William Vuncannon, W. J. Harris.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

T. W. Brown, D. N. Franklin, M. W. Broyles, H. F. Ketron, J. E. Reed.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

W. Q. A. Graham, A. H. Peeples, D. S. Richardson, W. S. Bragg, John Nelson.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

R. M. Witt, J. J. Rhyne, A. J. Johnson, J. D. Redwine, A. Drye.

Disciplinary Questions and Answers.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Clyde, N. C., October 18th, 1888, Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald presiding, W. Q. A. Graham, Secretary.

QUESTION 1—Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences?

None.

QUESTION 2—Who are admitted on trial?

S. A. Earnhardt (1887), W. R. Bryant, H. Verner, R. N. Smith, J. P. York, C. F. Casstephens, D. S. Richardson, J. S. Burnett, L. J. Penley, Wm. Franklin, J. B. Lindsay D. N. Matherson, W. E. West, W. J. Evans, J. H. Patterson and J. F. P. Matney.

QUESTION 3—Who remain on trial?

George L. Henderson, (1887), J. W. Heathley, (1887), L. A. Rominger, (1887), J. P. Brantley, (1887), J. W. Tucker, (1887), W. J. Wyatt and J. J. Rhyne.

QUESTION 4—Who are discontinued?

E. J. Forkner and J. M. Life.

QUESTION 5—Who are admitted into full connection?

E. H. Reynolds.

QUESTION 6—Who are re-admitted?

None.

QUESTION 7—Who are received on credentials from other churches.

None.

QUESTION 8—What traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?

E. H. Reynolds.

QUESTION 9— What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?

E. H. Reynolds.

QUESTION 10—What local preachers have been elected Deacons?

None.

QUESTION 11—What local preachers have been ordained Deacons?

None.

QUESTION 12—Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?

W. P. Barker, (1885), and C. W. Smith, (1886).

QUESTION 13—Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?

A. J. Johnston, W. A. Ballew, Wiley Perry, A. H. Peeples, D. N. Franklin, C. O. Jones and F. A. L. Clark.

QUESTION 14—What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?

J. H. Gillespie and E. J. Winkler.

QUESTION 15—What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?

J. H. Gillespie and E. J. Winkler.

QUESTION 16—What local Deacons have been elected Elders?

None.

QUESTION 17—What local Deacons have been ordained Elders?

None.

QUESTION 18—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

A. F. English.

QUESTION 19—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

J. W. Naylor.

QUESTION 20—Was the character of each preacher examined.

This was strictly done.

QUESTION 21—Have any died?

None?

QUESTION 22—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

None.

QUESTION 23—Have any withdrawn?

None.

QUESTION 24—Have any been located at their own request.

None.

QUESTION 25—Have any been located.

None.

QUESTION 26—Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?

QUESTION 27—Have any been expelled?

W. C. Bellomy.

QUESTION 28—Who are selected for triers of appeals?

See "Organization" in first part of this book.

QUESTION 29—What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?

See tables.

QUESTION 30—What are the claims on the Conference funds?

Not answered.

QUESTION 31—What has been secured on these claims, and how has it been applied?

One hundred and four dollars, which was applied under order of the Conference.

QUESTION 32—Where are the Preachers stationed?

See appointments.

QUESTION 33—Where shall the next Conference be held?

Clifton, S. C.

Roll of the Blue Ridge Conference, 1888.

J. D. Roberson,
D. M. Clayton,
C. O. Jones,
W. F. Parker,
J. R. Cannon,
J. P. Brantly,
L. A. Rominger,
Hardy Verner,
R. A. F. Smith,
W. E. West,
T. W. Matney,
J. F. P. Matney,
E. J. Winkler,
T. W. Brown,
W. A. Ballew,
D. N. Mathison,
L. J. Penley,
J. B. Lindsay,
J. S. Burnett,
M. W. Broyles,
C. W. Smith,
J. F. Woodfin,
G. L. Henderson,
D. N. Franklin,
Wm. Franklin,
F. M. Pressley,
Wm. J. Evans,
W. Q. A. Graham,
R. N. Smith,
D. S. Richardson,
C. F. Casstephens,
A. H. Peeples,
J. P. York,
J. F. West,
R. M. Witt,
W. R. Bryant,
J. P. Wyatt,
A. J. Johnson,
Wiley Perry,
H.D.Christenbury,
N. M. Cooper,
S. A. Earnhardt,
E. H. Reynolds,
F. A. L. Clark,
J. J. Rhyne,
J. H. Patterson,
J. B. Tucker,
W. G. Matton,
Wm. Rawlings,
W. P. Barker,
G. E. Cunningham,
J. H. Gillespie,
J. H. Heatherly.

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BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE

FOR 1888.

FIRST SESSION.

CLYDE, N. C., October 18th, 1888.

OPENING SERVICES—The Conference assembled at 9:30 o'clock, Rev. Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald, D. D., presiding. Bishop Fitzgerald conducted religious services.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll of members and the following brethren answered, viz:

ROLL CALL—T. W. Brown, D. N. Franklin, G. L. Henderson, D. M. Clayton, R. M. Witt, N. M. Cooper, W. Perry, W. J. Wyatt, T. W. Matney, J. B. Tucker, W. A. Ballew, W. Q. A. Graham, A. H. Peeples, J. R. Cannon, E. H. Reynolds, J. H. Gillespie.

SECRETARIES—W. Q. A. Graham was elected Secretary and J. H. Gillespie was elected Assistant. J. R. Cannon was elected Statistical Secretary.

BAR OF CONFERENCE—On motion the third window was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

TIME OF SESSIONS FIXED—The hour of convening the Conference was fixed at 8:30 a. m., and of adjourning, 12 m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES—On motion it was ordered that religious services be held each day at 3 o'clock p. m. and at 7:30 p. m.

STATISTICAL SESSION ORDERED—On motion a Statistical Session was ordered for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

MISSIONARY SERMON—J. F. Woodfin being absent, J.

R. Cannon, alternate, was excused on account of other duties, and W. A. Ballew was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon.

STANDING COMMITTEES—The Presiding Elders presented the following nominations of standing committees, and on motion they were confirmed:

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1888.

1. Public Worship—The Presiding Elder of Asheville District and pastor at Clyde.

2. Conference Relations—The Presiding Elders.

3. Auditing Committee—N. M. Cooper, D. N. Franklin, T. W. Matney.

4. Temperance—Wiley Perry, D. N. Franklin, W. A. Ballew, J. R. Cannon.

5. Education—J. H. Gillespie, E. H. Reynolds, T. W. Matney.

6. Sunday Schools and Tracts—N. M. Cooper, A. H. Peeples.

7. Bible Cause—W. J. Wyatt, L. A. Rominger.

8. Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society—J. R. Cannon, F. M. Pressly, C. O. Jones.

9. Church Literature—E. H. Reynolds, W. F. Parker, J. B. Tucker.

10. Missions—The Presiding Elders.

11. Church Extension—E. J. Winkler, C. O. Jones, W. F. Parker.

12. Episcopal Fund—T. W. Matney, C. O. Jones, F. M. Pressly.

13. New York Book Accounts—J. H. Gillespie.

14. Cincinnati Book Accounts—E. H. Reynolds.

15. Conference Stewards—D. M. Clayton, T. W. Matney, N. M. Cooper.

16. Treasurer—D. M. Clayton.

17. Publishing Conference Minutes—The Secretaries.

QUESTION 20—The twentieth question was taken up, viz: "*Was the character of each preacher examined ?*" The Presiding Elders not being ready to report the question was deferred until to-morrow morning.

BILL PRESENTED—W. Perry presented a bill from J. E. Page, Gastonia, N. C., for $5, due him for printing minutes of 1886. On motion it was referred to the Board of Conference Stewards.

QUESTION 18—The 18th question was called, *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ?* A. F. English's character was passed and he was continued in the Supernumerary relation.

QUESTION 19—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?* J. W. Naylor was, upon motion, continued in this relation.

COMMUNICATIONS READ AND REFERRED—A communication from J. W. Naylor, asking aid from this Conference was read and referred to the Board of Conference Stewards.

Also, one from a Committee of the Bagley Circuit Quarterly Conference of Des Moines Annual Conference was referred to the same Board.

SUNDRY QUESTIONS ASKED—The 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th 21st, 6th and 7th questions were asked. The answer to all of them being "None."

ADJOURNMENT—On motion Conference adjourned. Notices were given, and T. W. Brown pronounced the benediction.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

Oct. 18th, 1888.

OPENING SERVICES—The Conference met at 2 o'clock for the Statistical Session. T. W. Matney presiding, W. A. Ballew officiating in religious exercises.

STATISTICAL REPORTS RECEIVED—A majority of the pastors were present and presented statistical reports of their various charges.

ADJOURNMENT—On motion the Conference adjourned. Benediction by R. M. Witt.

SECOND SESSION.

CLYDE, N. C., (Friday morning,)
October 19th, 1888.

OPENING SERVICES—Conference Session began at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald in the chair. After devotional exercise the business of the Conference was resumed.

READING MINUTES—The minutes of the previous Sessions were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS—Papers from Church Extension, F. A. and Southern Educational Society, Episcopal Fund, and other Societies were read and passed to the various Committees.

DRAFTS PRESENTED—The drafts on the Book Concern and Chartered Fund were presented and passed to the Board of Stewards.

PRESIDING ELDERS TO APPORTION—On motion it was ordered that the Presiding Elders apportion the amounts for benevolent purposes.

GOSPEL IN ALL LANDS—W. A. Ballew was appointed by the Bishop to canvass the Conference for subscriptions to "Gospel in all Lands."

MISSIONARY SERMON—On motion, 3 o'clock p. m. Sunday was fixed as the hour for the Missionary sermon to be preached.

Question 3—*Who remain on trial?* was asked.

The names of the following were called: W. J. Wyatt, E. J. Fortner, J. M. Life, S. A. Earnhardt. W. J. Wyatt was continued on trial, E. J. Fortner was discontinued at his own request, J. M. Life was discontinued. S. A. Earnhardt, not being present was continued in the class of those admitted on trial.

Question 13 was taken up—*Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?* and the Committee of Examination reporting and the Presiding Elders representing A. J. Johnson, W. A. Ballew, W. Perry, A. H. Peeples, C. O. Jones, F. A. L. Clark were advanced to class of

Deacons of the second year. W. P. Barker and C. W. Smith were continued in the class of Deacons of the first class in third year's studies.

Question 14—The 14th question was asked *What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?* The characters of J. H. Gillespie and E. J. Winkler were passed. The Committee of Examinations reported and they were elected to Elders Orders.

Question 5—The 5th question was asked—*Who are admitted into full connection?* G. L. Henderson, J. H. Heathley, L. A. Rominger, J. P. Brantley, J. B. Tucker, D. N. Franklin, were continued on trial. E. H. Reynolds was admitted, and elected to Deacons' Orders.

Question 33—The 33d question was called. *Where shall the next Conference be held?* Clifton, S. C., and Mt. Mitchell church, near Concord, N. C., were put in nomination. After some discussion Clifton was selected as the place of next meeting.

Question 20—Twentieth question was again called—*Was the Character of each Preacher examined?* and Asheville District was called. T. W. Brown's character was passed, and he reported the condition of his District.

The character of the following effective Elders was passed. D. M. Clayton, J. F. Woodfin, G. L. Henderson and F. M. Pressly.

A. F. English was continued in the Supernumerary relation, J. F. West was referred to the Committee on Conference relations.

Bakersville District was called. The character of J. D. Roberson was passed and he reported his District.

T. W. Matney's character passed.

Eastern District was called. W. Q. A. Graham's character passed and he made a verbal report of his District.

J. R. Cannon's character passed.

Statesville District was called. R. M. Witt's character passed and he reported his District.

N. M. Cooper, H. D. Christenbury, characters passed.

SELECT NUMBER OF NINE—A select number of nine

Elders was raised to examine certain papers in regard to W. C. Bellomy. The following were appointed, viz:

D. M. Clayton, A. F. English, N. M. Cooper, J. R. Cannon, F. M. Pressly, H. D. Christenbury, W. F. Parker, G. L. Henderson, M. W. Broyles, F. A. L. Clark.

ADJOURNMENT—Conference being adjourned by expiration of time, after announcements were made and the doxology sung, R. M. Witt pronounced the benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

CLYDE, N. C., (Saturday Morning,)
October 20, 1888.

OPENING SERVICES—Conference session opened at 8.30 a. m. Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald in the chair. After devotional exercises the journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

QUESTION 2—The 2nd question was called, "Who are admitted on trial?" and the following were presented:

Robert A. F. Smith, W. A. J. Cooper, W. R. Bryant, H. Verner, R. N. Smith, J. P. York, C. F. Casstephens, J. K. Rose, D. S. Richardson, J. S. Burnett, L. J. Penly, Wm. Franklin, J. B. Lindsay, D. M. Matherson, W. E. West, W. J. Evans, J. H. Patterson, J. F. P. Matney, being properly recommended and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, all were admitted except W. A. J. Cooper and J. K. Rose, (they were in orders in other churches, and not being present, it was thought wise for them to wait a year when their orders could be recognized. The P. E. was authorized to employ them).

APPLICATION OF W. RAWLINGS—The application of W. Rawlings for restoration of his credentials was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE—The Committee on Temperance submitted its report, which was read (see Report of committees). The report was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION—The report of the Committee on Church Extension was presented and read.

MOTION TO AMEND—W. Q. A. Graham offered a motion to amend Section 3 of the report, by striking out all of that section and substituting the following resolution:

Resolved, That we ask for the organization, by this Conference, of a Conference Church Extension Society, auxiliary to the Parent Society, with power to employ agents and do other business pertaining to its welfare, paying all expenses out of the money's collected and turning the remainder into the hands of the Conference Treasurer.

The motion prevailed and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE—The report of the Committee on Church Literature was read and adopted.

VISITORS INTRODUCED—Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Corresponding Secretary of the *Freedman's Aid* and Southern Educational Society, Dr. W. L. Davidson, Sunday School Agent for the South and West, and Dr. L. B. Caldwell, P. E. of Athens District, Holston Conference, were introduced.

SPECIAL MEETING ORDERED—On motion, it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. to hear the report of the Committees on Education, *Freedman's Aid*, and Southern Educational Societies.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read. Rev. W. L. Davidson, D. D., of Cincinnati, addressed the Conference in the interest of the Sunday School Union.

On motion the report was adopted.

DR. CALDWELL'S ADDRESS—Rev. L. B. Caldwell, D. D., of Athens, Tenn., addressed the Conference in the interest of the Methodist Advocate.

EPISCOPAL FUND—The Committee on Episcopal Fund reported.

BIBLE CAUSE—The Committee on Bible Cause submitted its report which was read and adopted.

RE-CONSIDERATION—On motion of W. A. Ballew, the motion fixing time for preaching the Missionary Sermon was re-considered.

QUESTION 33 RE-OPENED—On motion of E. J. Winkler the 33rd question was re-opened, and Mt. Mitchell Church was fixed as the place for the meeting of next Conference.

ADJOURNMENT—The Conference being adjourned by expiration of time, W. L. Davidson, D. D., pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 22nd, 1888.

OPENING SERVICES—Conference began at 8:30 o'clock. Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald in the chair. After devotional exercises, the minutes of the previous Session were read and adopted.

QUESTION 30—The 30th question, *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?* was asked, but it was not answered.

QUESTION 31—The 31st question was called, *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?* The Conference Stewards reported. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS—The Committee on Conference relations reported and J. F. West's character passed. Wm. Rawling's credentials were restored.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED—On motion C. O. Jones and J. R. Cannon were appointed to canvass the Conference for funds for printing the minutes of this Conference.

PRESIDING ELDERS APPOINTED—On motion the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee on Postoffices.

QUESTION 33 RE-OPENED—On motion the 33d question was re-opened: *Where shall the next Conference be held?* After some discussion it was decided that Clifton, S. C., should be the place.

CONFERENCE BOARDS ANNOUNCED—J. D. Roberson announced the Conference Board of Church Extension and the District Boards of Church Location.

PUBLISHING MINUTES—On motion the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Statistical Secretary were appointed a committee on publication of minutes.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS—At this juncture the business of the Conference was suspended and Revs. W. A. Ballew and L. B. Caldwell conducted the Missionary Anniversary.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS—Resolutions of thanks were voted to the Bishop, citizens of Clyde and R. R. Companies.

ADJOURNMENT—The hour for adjournment having arrived the Bishop requested R. M. Witt to lead in prayer. The soul stirring hymn, "Work for the Night is Coming," was sung, the appointments were read and the Conference adjourned *sine die* with the benediction of the Bishop.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the doings of the tenth session of Blue Ridge Conference.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, Secretary.

Appointments for 1888.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. D. ROBERSON, P. E., P. O. Bakersville, N. C.

Aaron,	D. M. Clayton.
Asheville Station,	C. O. Jones.
Asheville Circuit,	W. F. Parker.
Bakersville Station,	J. R. Cannon.
Boone,	J. P. Brantly.
Burnsville,	L. A. Rominger.
Creston,	Hardy Verner.
Elk Park and Cranberry,	R. A. F. Smith.
Haw Creek,	W. E. West.
Jefferson,	T. W. Matney.
Marion,	J. F. P. Matney.
Morganton,	To be supplied.
Obids,	To be supplied.
Red Hill,	E. J. Winkler.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

T. W. BROWN, P. E., P. O. Clyde, N. C.

Charleston,	To be supplied.
Clyde,	W. A. Ballew
Franklin,	D. N. Mathison.
Hayesville,	L. J. Penly.
Hendersonville and Tryon City,	J. B. Lindsay.
Highlands,	J. S. Burnett.
Jonathan's Creek,	M. W. Broyles.

Leicester,	C. W. Smith.
Mills River,	J. F. Woodfin.
Murphy,	G. L. Henderson.
Pisgah,	D. N. Franklin.
Saluda,	Wm. Franklin.
Spartanburg,	F. M. Pressly.
Webster,	Wm. J. Evans.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, P. E., P. O. Smyrna, N. C.

Bethlehem Station,	W. Q. A. Graham.
Harkers Island,	R. N. Smith.
Hatteras,	D. S. Richardson.
Indian Mission,	C. F. Castephens.
Morehead City,	To be supplied.
Ocracoke,	A. H. Peeples.
Smithville,	To be supplied.
Swanesboro,	J. P. York.
Wilmington,	J. F. West.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

R. M. WITT, P. E., P. O. Leicester, N. C.

Cane Creek,	To be supplied.
Clingman,	W. R. Bryant.
Concord,	J. P. Wyatt.
Eagle Mills,	A. J. Johnson.
Gastonia,	Wiley Perry.
Gold Hill,	H. D. Christenbury.
Mount Bethel,	N. M. Cooper.
Pilot Mountain,	To be supplied.
Randleman,	S. A. Earnhardt.
Trap Hill,	E. H. Reynolds.

Troy,	F. A. I. Clark.
Wilksboro,	J. J. Rhyne.
Winston,	J. H. Patterson.
Yadkinville,	J. B. Tucker.

W. G. Matton, Conference Temperance Agent.

Wm. Rawlings, Conference Sunday School Agent.

W. P. Barker, G. E. Cunningham, J. H. Gillespie and J. H. Heatherly, left without appointment, to attend some one of our schools.

Reports of Committees.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg to report that,

WHEREAS, The irrepressible conflict between the American Home and Saloon is upon us. And,

WHEREAS, Every patriot, every philanthropist, and especially every Christian is expected to take a firm stand on the side of God, Home and Native Land.

Resolved, That we record ourselves as unutterably opposed to the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, second, That while we believe that the private appetite should be struck at through the Church, the Home, and the Temperance Societies, we also believe that the public sale should be struck at through the ballot box.

Resolved, third, That we favor the passage of laws by our legislative bodies looking to the suppression of this destructive traffic.

WILEY PERRY, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, Our work in this Conference greatly depends on the aid we obtain from the Church Extension; and,

WHEREAS, We obtain according to our giving; and,

WHEREAS, Our collections for the Society have been insignificant in comparison to the amount received. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That it is our duty to look to the interest of this society.

Second, That we recognize in the Church Extension Society one of our best aids, and that we will endeavor to make the collection for this Society more important.

E. J. WINKLER, CHAIRMAN.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That we ask for the organization by this Conference of a Church Extension Society, auxiliary to the parent society, with power to employ agents and do other business pertaining to its welfare, paying all expenses out of the moneys collected and turning the remainder into the hands of the Conference Treasurer.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

No Church can be progressive without the circulation of good and healthful literature,

WHEREAS, Many of our people are destitute of our books, Sunday School literature and periodicals;

Resolved, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, furnish our people with our own publications.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. REYNOLDS,
W. F. PARKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

Resolved, Therefore, that we do earnestly solicit our pastors of the several charges to organize our Sabbath schools into missionary societies according to the plan of discipline and distribute the amount of tracts necessary among said schools.

REV. N. M. COOPER, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

Resolved, Therefore, that we do impress the duties of each pastor of the several charges of the Blue Ridge Conference to raise at least their proportional part of the $44.00 apportioned to the Blue Ridge Conference to raise for the Episcopal fund.

REV. N. M. COOPER, CHAIRMAN.

BIBLE CAUSE.

We, the Committee on Bible Cause, beg leave to report as follows: The most of our people are well supplied with the Word of God, and we as a Conference feel thankful to Almighty God for this blessing.

Resolved, Therefore, that we as ministers of the gospel pledge ourselves to do all we can to supply the deficiency of the same and to increase our collection for the American Bible Society.

W. J. WYATT,
A. H. PEEPLES, } Com.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Received from Book Concern,	$74.00.
From Chartered Fund,	30.00.
Total,	$104.00.
John Naylor,	$10.00.
T. W. Matney,	15.00.
F. M. Pressley,	10.00.
C. W. Smith,	10.00.
W. F. Parker,	10.00.
D. M. Clayton,	10.00.
N. M. Cooper,	8.00.
James York,	8.00.
L. A. Rominger,	8.00.
G. L. Henderson,	15.00.
	$104.00.

D. M. CLAYTON.

REPORT OF THE SELECT NUMBER IN W. C. BELLOMY'S CASE.

After due deliberation and careful examination of the charges and specifications, we find them fully sustained. Therefore, *Resolved*, That said W. C. Bellomy be expelled.

JOINT REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Methodism has always been favorable to the education of the masses. It was born in a college. Wesley, its founder, was a man of great literary attainments.

The schools of the M. E. Churches, in the South, give especial attention to the education of the poor. The various Seminaries and Colleges which have sprung up within the last twenty years in the South indicate an increased interest in this line of work, so necessary for the success of Methodism.

Every father should consider it an imperative duty to put his children in a Christian school, where the influences thrown around them will be such as conduce to their moral as well as intellectual improvement.

The last General Conference modified the name of the Freedman's Aid Society, to that of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, thereby enlarging the sphere of its work in adapting it to the needs of our white educational work.

In harmony with this important legislation, we, as a Conference, believe that the educational work among our white people in the South should be so unified as to insure the largest possible success. We rejoice in the success of Chattanooga and Grant Memorial Universities, located at Chattanooga and Athens, Tennessee. We believe that the movement to unify these two institutions under the name of Grant University, with one Board of Trustees and one Chancellor or President, is a very wise one. A

division of departments can be effected as to prevent colleges of secular grade competing with each other so near together. We pledge ourselves, as a Conference, to stand by and do all in our power to make this unification movement a success, believing that it will result in a central university of large and commanding influence. In view of the fact that it is understood this Conference is to be represented in the proposed Board of Trustees for the unified institution, and as the new board may be organized before the next Conference session, we respectfully nominate as our representative Rev. J. D. Roberson.

LEICESTER SEMINARY.

This seminary is located at Leicester, in Buncombe county, North Carolina. It has a good property, worth $2,000, free from debt. The enrollment last year was about 100. The principal, Prof. H. F. Ketron, is doing excellent work, and we urge our pastors and people to give him their hearty support.

FAIRVIEW SEMINARY.

This seminary is located at Trap Hill, Wilkes county, North Carolina, on one of the spurs of the Blue Ridge mountains. The property is estimated to be worth $1,500, is free of debt, and consists of two acres of land and a good two-story frame building. The enrollment reached eighty last year.

GRAHAM SEMINARY.

This school has been organized by Rev. W. Q. A. Graham at Smyrna, Carteret county, North Carolina, and has enrolled seventy-six students. A comfortable one-story building, worth $1,300, has been erected.

FINANCIAL HELP.

All these seminaries need financial help, and by order of the General Conference, the only General Conference Society which can aid these schools is the Freedman's

Aid and Southern Education Society. As this society can only aid schools in the South in proportion as money is paid into its treasury, it is very important that the collections for the society should be largely increased in our Conference.

We recommend that the month of August be set apart as educational month, when the collection shall be taken, and that the case be presented in that month to every congregation on our charges, and a public collection taken.

The Corresponding Secretary, Dr. J. C. Hartzell, will send to each pastor documents and information concerning the work, free of expense, to all who will write him. He also agrees that the full amount of money raised for this collection shall go to help the schools in our Conference.

We recommend that the Conference roll be called and each brother state the amount he will raise during the month of August and forward to Rev. J. C. Hartzell, 190 West 4th street, Cincinnati, O., for this cause, with the understanding that the amount raised shall be our regular collection, and be expended in our own Conference.

J. R. CANNON, CHAIRMAN.

Names of Charges.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Church Property.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses,(sexton, light, fuel, etc.)
Asheville Dist.														
Asheville	15	171				20	1	5000	1	500		500	1200	100
Asheville Circuit	17	130	1	1	6	5	2	1500						
Franklin "	15	125	1		5	6	1	300			10			
Henderson "	30	238	1											
Highlands "	43	183	3	1	8	29	3	1500	1	425				
Leicester "	15	250	3	1		8	4	1800	1	425	450			
Murphy "	15	220	2	3			4	800			50			
Pig'n River "	15	183	3	1	1	1	4	2500	1	425				
Pisgah "	40	564		3		2	4	2000			200	150		
Spartanb'g " *														
Tryon City †														
Tryon Circuit	24	162	5	3	2	6	2	925						
Webster "	14	54	2								300		100	
Waynesville	14	84	2				3	1100	1	200	360			
Total	237	2374	23	13	22	77	27	7925	4	1550	1370	650	1300	100
Bakersville Dist.														
Bakersville	2	62	1		7	1	1	1500			100	35	200	50
Boone Circuit	20	177	6				5	2350						
Catawba "	25	275	1	1	3	4	3	1000			75			
Jefferson "	80	227	6				3	1300	1	400				
Morganton Ct †														
New River Ct	71	239	3			4	1000							
Obids Circuit		50	1			2	1	50						
Red Hill "	76	197	1		5	30			1	200	1000		50	
Toe River Ct	16	105	2	1										
Total	284	1352	21	2	15	37	17	7200	2	600	1175	35	250	50
Eastern District.														
Bethlehem Sta	45	89		1	2	30	1	2000			1000		50	22
Harker's Isl'd Ct	27	87			12	3	1	1200	1	300				
Morehead City †														
Ocracoke	7	63			13		1	1500			70		40	
Swansboro †														
Total	79	239		1	26	33	3	4700	1	300	1070		90	22
Statesville Dist.														
Trap Hill Circuit	55	212	3		2	5	3	2000			400			
Alexander "	5	74	1	1	5		3	1000			175			1
Forsythe "	25	160	3			15	3	1000						7
Gastonia "	40	204	2	1	30	7	7	2650	1	250	14		124	
Mocksville "	50	290	1	1		31	4	2000			300			
Mt. Mitchell "	5	170	2	3	13			4000			30			
Pilot Mount'n †														
Stanly	8	180	2	1	11	5	4	2000						
Troy	43	508	4	2	8	9	6	2150	1	100	35			
Wilkesboro	20	160	5	2	2	10	5	900			225			
Yadkin	25	396	6	3	2	11	4	2000						
Total	276	2154	29	14	73	93	38	19700	2	350	1179		124	

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Sunday Schools.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support		
			For Missions.													
No. of Schools.	No. of officers and teachers.	No. of scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From Sunday Sch'ls.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For S. S. Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.
1	12	102	12	13	25	8								471		
2	10	70														
1	5	25	2		2									86		
2	20	150	29		29									106		
1	12	20	3	1	4									26		
3	8	110	4		4	7								158		
5	20	100	8		8									93		
3	12	75	8		8									48		
3	15	100	9		9	1			1					98		
2	5	35	7		7				1					78		
			3		3									20		
1	5	50	7	3	10	5								110		
24	124	837	92	17	109	21			2					1288		
1	9	150	12		12	5	1		1					101		
4	16	160														
5	15	250	16		16	5	1							125		
														103		
3	18	235		2	2	1										
4	16	300	4		4	1			1					120		
2	12	100	2		2									46		
19	86	1195	34	2	36	12	2		2					595		
1	13	150	10		10	5	1		1					112		22
2	20	175	2		2									85		
1	15	77	10		10	2				3				100	1	
4	48	452	22		22	7	1		1	3				297	1	22
5	30	270	6		6									49		
2	20	125	6	3	9	1								70		15
3	24	150	12		12	2	3	1	1					100		20
4	27	221	13		13	5	1	1		1				33		
5	40	310	8	4	12	2	1							150	1	
3	12	125	4	11	15									93		1
3	15	85	4		4											
6	25	260	9	5	14	3	1	1						185		
4	30	250	5		5		1	2						53		1
6	35	270	5		5	3								92		
41	258	2066	72	23	95	16	7	5	1	1				1165	1	37

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Grand Total	876	6118	73	40	127	240	85	39525	9	2800	4794	685	1764	180
G. T. last year	844	4938	64	31	160	371	75	53150	6	2100	12862	830	3560	75
Increase	32	1170	9	9	....	....	10	.....	3	700	....	....	....	115
Decrease	....	....	..	..	33	131	..	13635	..	....	8068	155	1796	....

* Reported in connection with Tryon mission.

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88	516	4550	220	42	262	56	10	5	6	4				3385	2	59
68	367	3429	282	17	300	45	8	6	4	6	3	1		2955	..	3
20	129	1121	....	25	....	11	2		2	....				430	2	56
....	....	....	62	..	38	....	....	1	....	2	3	1		....	....	....

REMARKS :--The Statistical Tables are not as complete as the Secretaries would like to have them be, owing to the fact that some of the reports were not handed in in time. We wish also to call especial attention to the fact that all reports of collections are recorded in even dollars.

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W. A. Ballew, C. W. Smith, Wiley Perry.

FIRST YEAR.

E. J. Winkler, H. D. Christenbury, W. F. Parker.

SECOND YEAR.

T. W. Matney, N. M. Cooper, D. M. Clayton.

THIRD YEAR.

A. J. Johnson, D. N. Franklin, J. R. Cannon.

FOURTH YEAR.

J. D. Roberson, A. Grayheal, T. W. Brown.

FOR LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS' ORDERS.

E. H. Reynolds, L. A. Rominger, C. O. Jones.

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Leicester Academy—J. D. Roberson.
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NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	
W. A. Ballew,	Clyde,	N. C.
J. P. Brantley,	Berth,	"
T. W. Brown,	Clyde,	"
J. S. Burnett,	Swansboro,	"
M. W. Broyles,	Murphy,	"
J. R. Cannon,	Bakersville,	"
C. F. Castephen,	Ocracoke,	"
D. M. Clayton,	Marion,	"
N. M. Cooper,	Catawba,	"
F. A. L. Clark,	Yadkinville,	"
H. D. Christenbury,	Huntersville,	"
A. F. English,	Brevard,	"
W. J. Evans,	Highlands,	"
S. A. Earnhardt,	Gold Hill,	"
D. N. Franklin,	Mills River,	"
William Franklin,	Beaufort,	"
J. H. Gillespie,	Athens,	Tenn.
W. Q. A. Graham,	Smyrna,	N. C.
A. Grayheal,	Bakersville,	"
Geo. L. Henderson,	Haysville,	"
J. H. Heatherly,	Kinnikeet,	"
C. O. Jones,		
A. J. Johnson,	Buck Shoals,	"
J. B. Lindsay,	Tryon City,	"
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W. C. Matney,	Little Rock Creek,	"
D. N. Matherson,	Franklin,	"
W. G. Matton,	High Point,	"
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E. G. Nelson,	Linnville City,	N. C.

Jas. B. Naugle,	Hendersonville,	N. C.
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L. J. Penley,	Waynesville,	"
F. M. Presley,	Skyland Springs,	"
Wiley Perry,	Chandler's Grove,	"
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J. H. Patterson,	East Bend,	"
D. S. Richardson,	Gastonia,	"
J. J. Ryne,	Wilkesboro,	"
William Rawlings,		
E. H. Reynolds,	Trap Hill,	"
J. D. Roberson,	Asheville,	"
L. A. Rominger,	Aaron,	"
R. A. F. Smith,	"	"
J. F. Smith,	Trap Hill,	"
C. W. Smith,	Leicester,	"
R. N. Smith,	Athens,	Tenn.
J. B. Tucker,	Hominy,	N. C.
Hardy Verner,	Cresten,	"
J. F. West,	Spartanburg,	S. C.
W. E. West,	Athens,	Tenn.
E. J. Winkler,	Smyrna,	N. C.
R. M. Witt,	Leicester,	"
J. F. Woodfin,	Boyleston,	"
J. P. Wyatt,	Berth,	"
J. P. York,	Pates,	"

Disciplinary Questions and Answers.

Question 1. Who are received by transfer and from what Conference? A. Graybeal, from South Kansas.

Question 2. Who are admitted on trial? Elijah G. Nelson, William C. Matney, Jas. B. Naugle and Joel F. Smith.

Question 3. Who remain on trial? R. A. F. Smith, S. A. Earnhardt, H. Verner, J. P. York, R. N. Smith, C. F. Castephens, D. S. Richardson, J. F. Burnett, L. J. Penley, Wm. Franklin, W. J. Evans, D. M. Matheson, J. F. Matney, J. B. Lindsay, J. H. Patterson, W. E. West and W. J. Wyatt.

Question 4. Who are discontinued? W. R. Bryant.

Question 5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. W. Heatherly, L. A. Raminger, J, P. Brantly, J. J. Rhyne, J. B. Tucker and Geo. L. Henderson.

Question 6. Who are readmitted! None.

Question 7. Who are received on credentials from other churches? None.

Question 8. What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons? J. W. Heatherly, L. A. Rominger, J. P. Brantley, J. J. Rhyne and J. B. Tucker.

Question 9. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons? J. W. Heatherly, L. A. Rominger, J. P. Brantley, J. J. Rhyne and J. B. Tucker.

Question 10. What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons? H. H. Lowrie, C. F. Castephens and D. M. Matheson.

Queston 11. What Local Preachers have been ordained

Deacons? H. H. Lowrie, C. F. Castephens and D. M. Matheson.

Question 12. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class? L. A. Rominger, J. P. Brantley, J. B. Tucker, J. J. Rhyne and Geo. L. Henderson.

Question 13. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the second class? E. H. Reynolds.

Question 14. What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders? W. A. Ballew, C. O. Jones, A. J. Johnson, C. W. Smith. D. N. Franklin, A. H. Peeples and Wiley Perry.

Question 15. What Traveling Deacons have been Ordained Elders? W. A. Ballew, C. O. Jones, A. J. Johnson. C. W. Smith, D. N. Franklin, A. H. Peeples and Wiley Perry.

Question 16. What Local Deacons have been elected Elders? F. W. Bradley.

Question 17. What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders? F. W. Bradley.

Question 18. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? A. F. English, F. M. Presley, C. O. Jones and William Rawlings.

Question 19. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? J. F. Woodfin, J. W. Naylor and W. G. Matton.

Question 20. Was the character of each Preacher examined? It was.

Question 21. Have any died? None.

Question 22. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference? None.

Question 23. Have any withdrawn? None.

Question 24. Have any been located at their own request? None.

Question 25. Have any been located? None.

Question 26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

Question 27. Have any been expelled? None.

Question 28. Who are elected Triers of Appeals? D. M. Clayton, J. D. Roberson, T. W. Matney, H. D. Chris-

tenbuurg, N. M. Cooper, W. F. Parker and D. N. Franklin.

Question 29. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year? See tables.

Question 30. What are the claims on the Conference Funds? See Conference Stewards' Report.

Question 31. What has been secured on these funds. and how has it been applied? See Report of Conference Stewards.

Question 32. Where are the Preachers stationed? See Appointments.

Question 33. Where shall the next Conference be held? Clyde, Haywood county, North Carolina.

Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., October 17, 1889.

The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its eleventh annual session, in the First M. E. church, in Asheville, Oct. 17, 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D., presiding.

Devotional Exercise—The Bishop in opening the conference read selections from Isaiah 53 and Matt. 26, and the conference engaged in singing "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The conference sang a second hymn, and Dr. Payne led the conference in a very earnest prayer.

Roll Call—The secretary of last session, W. Q. A. Graham, called the roll, and forty-one members answered to their names.

Election of Secretaries—The conference proceeded to ballot for secretary, and J. D. Roberson having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected. E. J. Winkler was elected Assistant Secretary, and J. R. Cannon, Statistical Secretary.

The following committees were appointed:

Public Worship—J. D. Roberson and C. O. Jones.

Conference Relations—Presiding Elders.

Auditing—E. J. Winkler, D. M. Matheson, A. H. Peeples and N. M. Cooper.

Temperance—T. W. Matney, C. W. Smith, R. N. Smith and A. J. Johnson.

Education and Freedman's Aid—J. F. Matney, D. N. Franklin, A. H. Peeples and Wiley Perry.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—L. A. Rominger, J. S. Burnett, J. P. York and J. J. Rhyne.

Bible Cause—J. R. Cannon, W. A. Ballew and A. J. Johnson.

Church Literature—H, Verner, William Franklin and N. M. Cooper.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Church Extension—D. M. Clayton, William Evans, C. F. Castevens and J. J. Rhyne.

Episcopal Fund—L. A. Rominger, L. J. Penley and Wiley Perry.

New York Book Accounts—E. H. Reynolds.

Cincinnati Book Accounts—E. J. Winkler.

Conference Treasurer—W. A. Ballew.

Conference Stewards—W. F. Parker, D. N. Franklin, A. H. Peeples and N. M. Cooper.

Conference Minutes—The Secretaries and Presiding Elders.

Sabbath—C. O. Jones, W. A. Ballew, A. J. Johnson and D. S. Richardson.

State of the Church—E. J, Winkler, J. B. Lindsay, R. N. Smith and J. B. Tucker.

Time of Session—The time of meeting was fixed at 8.30 a. m., and for adjournment at 12 m.

Draft—The Bishop announced that the conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for $30, and a draft was ordered for the same.

Hartzell and Payne—J. C. Hartzell, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and C. H. Payne, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were introduced and made able and interesting addresses concerning the work of the societies they represent.

Supernumerary—The eighteenth question was taken up, and A. F. English was called, his character passed and he continued in the supernumerary relation.

Superannuate—The nineteenth question was taken up, and J. W. Naylor's character was passed and he was continued as a superannuate.

Twentieth Question—The twentieth question was called

and J. D. Roberson's character having passed, he reported his labors as presiding elder of the Bakersville district, showing the work in good condition.

The names of W. F. Parker, J. R. Cannon, E. J. Winkler and D. M. Clayton were called and their characters passed.

T. W. Brown was called, his character passed, and he reported the work of the work of the Clyde district as being in a prosperous condition.

The names of J. F. Woodfin and F. M. Presley were called and their characters passed.

Statistical Session—On motion of J. D. Roberson it was decided that when the conference adjourned it be to meet at 2.30 p. m., to receive the statistical reports, and J. R. Cannon was requested by the Bishop to preside over the afternoon session.

Announcements—The committees were called and announcements were made.

Bishop's Talk—The Bishop made an interesting and appropriate talk to the conference and cordially invited any of the preachers to call on him at his room, on any afternoon before 2 o'clock or after 5 o'clock p. m.

Dr. Hartzell then led the conference in a fervent prayer, and the body adjourned. Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Payne.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2:30, J. R. Cannon in the chair. E. H. Reynolds conducted the devotions.

The roll was called and the pastors handed their Statistical and Financial reports to the proper persons. Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Bishop Joyce conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes Read.—The minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Statistical.—J. R. Cannon, the Statistical Secretary, called the names of the preachers who had not passed in their statistical reports.

The roll was called for the Financial reports

Book Concern.—The Bishop stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Book Concern for $251 and a draft for the amount was ordered.

Episcopal Fund.—The Bishop presented a paper concerning the Episcopal Fund, which was referred to the presiding elders.

Twentieth Question.—The twentieth question was resumed. D. M. Clayton, W. F. Parker and M. W. Broyles were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections.

R. M. Witt, Presiding Elder of the Statesville District, was called, his character passed, and he gave an encouraging report of the work under his care.

The names of H. D. Christenbury, N. M. Cooper, W. G. Matton and W. Rawlings were called and their characters passed.

Supernumerate.—W. G. Matton was placed on the list of supernumerates.

To Attend School.—The Conference asked that J. H. Gillespie be left without appointment, to attend school.

W. Q. A. Graham was called and he asked for a committee of five to enquire into some complaints against himself, and the committee was appointed as follows: D. M. Clayton, W. F. Parker, A. J. Johnson, F. M. Presley, R. M. Witt.

Question 33.—Question thirty-three was taken up and Leicester was selected as the place for holding the next Conference.

The Bishop stated that this Conference by the action of the last General Conference was instructed to elect two mimisters and two laymen to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference to be held in New York in 1891, and

the body proceeded to ballot. The following were declared elected: Ministers—J. D. Roberson and W. F. Parker; reserve, R. M. Witt. Laymen—W. S. Hyams and J. E. Reed; reserve, H. F. Ketron.

E. J. Winkler read the roport of the committee on the State of the Church, and after some discussion it was referred back to the committee for revision.

Dr. Rankin, pastor of the Central M. E. Church, South, in this city, was introduced to the conference.

Mrs. T. C. Carter, visiting the conference in the interest of the *Methodist Advocate*, was introduced.

Announcements were made and conference adjourned. Doxology was sung and Dr. Rankin pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

October 19.

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Joyce in the chair. E. H. Reynolds conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The 14th Question—The fourteenth question was taken up. Wiley Perry, D. N. Franklin, C. O. Jones, W. A. Bellew, A. H. Peoples, G. W. Smith and A. J. Johnson were called. The committee of Examination reported in each of their cases. Their presiding elders represented them and they were elected to elder's orders.

The 10th Question—The tenth question was called. H. H. Lowrie, C. F. Castephens and D. M. Matheson were elected to local deacons' orders.

The 16th Question—The sixteenth question was taken up, and Francis W. Badley was elected to local elders' orders.

The thirteenth question was taken up. E. H. Reynolds was called; reported his work, and was advanced to the deacons of the second class.

The 3rd question. The third question was taken up. S. A. Earnhardt, R. A. F. Smith, H. Verner, J. P. York, R. N. Smith, C. F. Castephens, D. S. Richardson, J. E. Burnett, L. J. Penley, William Franklin, W. J. Evans, D. M. Matheson and J. F. Matney were called, reported their work, and were continued on trial, they having passed their examination in the first year's course of study.

Continued. J. B. Lindsay and J. H. Patterson were continued, not having passed the examination.

W. E. West was continued, not having passed his examination, and was left without appointment to attend school.

Discontinued. W. R. Bryant was discontinued.

The 5th Question. The fifth question was taken up. The Bishop called forward the class that remained on trial, Geo. L. Henderson, J. W. Heatherly, L. A. Rominger, J. P. Brantley, J. J. Rhyne, W. J. Wyatt, J. B. Tucker, and addressed the class in a very impressive way on the duties and work of the christian ministry and after propounding to them the disciplinary questions, and they being represented by the examining committee and the Presiding Elders, J. W. Heatherly, L. A. Rominger, J. P. Brantley, J. J. Rhyne and J. B. Tucker were elected to Deacon's orders and admitted into full connection. G. L. Henderson was admitted into full connection, he being in orders. W. J. Wyatt was continued on trial, not being present.

J. W. Heatherly having been on trial three years and having passed his examinations was advanced to the deacons of the second class.

The 2nd Question. E. G. Nelson and William C. Matney recommended by Bakersville District Conference were admitted on trial. Jas. B. Naugle and J. F. Smith were recommended and admitted on trial. M. A. West and J. H. Heatherly were recommended but not being present were not admitted. The Presiding Elders were authorized to employ them as supplies.

Dr. J. L. Carroll, pastor of the French Broad Baprist church of this city, was introduced to the conference.

The Bishop announced the transfer of A. Graybeal from South Kansas to Blue Ridge Conference.

J. F. Woodfin was granted a superannuated relation.

F. M. Presley and C. O. Jones were granted supernumerary relations.

Announcements were made and conference adjourned, W. F. Parker pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Monday, Oct. 21.

The Conference convened at 8.30 a. m. Bishop Joyce in the chair. E. J. Winkler conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Committee, in the case of Graham, presented a report, and after a brief discussion, J. D. Roberson offered the following substitute, which was adopted:

Whereas. the Committee in the case of W. Q. A. Graham, having reported that, after due inquiry, find no grounds for charges against his character, therefore,

Resolved, That we pass his character, after some words of counsel and admonition from the Bishop.

The Bishop spoke some words of advice to Bro. Graham, after which, Graham asked, inasmuch as there had been complaints against him, that he be relieved from the Presiding Elder's place on the eastern district.

The secretary read the Bishop's certificates of ordinations.

Supernumerary.—William Rawlings was granted a supernumerary relation,

To Reconsider.—E. J. Winkler moved to reconsder the vote fixing the place for holding the next session, and the motion prevailed, and Clyde was selected as the place for the next session.

Standing Committees.—The Bishop read the list of committees for the ensuing year, and the Conference Board of Church Extension, which were approved.

Freedman's Aid and Education.—The Committee on Freedman's Aid and Education presented their report, which was referred back to the committee with instructions, and C. O. Jones, H. F. Ketron and J. F. Smith were added to the committee.

Temperance.—C. W. Smith read the report of the Committee on Temperance and the report was adopted.

Sunday Schools.—L. A. Rominger presented the report of the committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts, and it was adopted.

Bible Cause.—E. J. Winkler read the report of the Committee on Bible Cause, and the report was adopted.

Sabbath Observance.—C. O. Jones read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, and the report was adopted.

State of Church.—The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was presented by E. J. Winkler, and the same was adopted.

Church Literature.—H. Verner presented the report of the Committee on Church Literature, and the report was amended and adopted.

Auditing.—The report of the Auditing Committee was presented by E. J. Winkler, and adopted.

Church Extension.—C. W. Castephens read the report of the Committee on Church Extension, and the report was adopted.

Conference Stewards.—E. J. Winkler offered a resolution of instructions for the Conference Stewards, and J. D. Roberson offered the following as a substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, That conference stewards be instructed to pay any debts due the book concern by any conference claimant, out of any money they may have for such claimant.

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham, the North Carolina

Conference was requested to restore the credentials of Aaron Moore.

Publication of Minutes.—E. J. Winkler, C. O. Jones and and E. H. Reynolds were appointed a committee to raise funds to pay for the publication of the minutes.

Resolutions.—The following committee was appointed on resolutions: J. D. Roberson, W. Q. A. Graham, T. W. Brown.

Presiding Elders.—The presiding elders were appointed a committee to nominate the usual committees for the next session.

To be Paid.—On motion of J. D. Roberson, it was ordered that W. Q. A. Graham be paid his account for expenses as secretary.

Post Offices.—On motion of E. J. Winkler, the post office of all the preachers be printed in the minutes, and the Secretary requested the members to send him their addresses as soon as possible after adjournment.

Conference adjourned with the benediction of Bishop Joyce.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Joyce in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by C. W. Smith.

Statistics—On motion it was ordered that the statistical reports be read by districts, and J. R. Cannon read the report and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report.—W. A. Ballew read the report of the conference treasurer, and the report was approved.

Report Conference Stewards.—N. M. Cooper read the following report of the conference stewards, which was adopted:

Received from Book Concern, - -	$251.00
" " Chartered Fund, - -	30.00
Total, - - - -	$281.00

Disbursed as follows:

D. M. Clayton	paid to	himself,	$15.00
T. W. Matney	" "	W. C. Matney,	15.00
D. M. Matherson	" "	himself,	10.00
G. L. Henderson	" "	"	10.00
A. J. Johnson	" "	"	20.00
H. D. Christenbury	"	"	15.00
E. H. Reynolds	" "	"	15.00
F. A. L. Clark	" "	"	15.00
S. A. Earnhardt	" "	"	10.00
J. W. Wyatt	" "	"	10.00
J. B. Tucker	" "	"	10.00
N. M. Cooper	" "	"	25.00
W. F. Parker	" "	"	30.00
A. H. Peeples	" "	"	20.00
W. G. Matton	" "	R. M. Witt	10.00
D. N. Franklin	" "	himself	15.00
W. J. Evans	" "	"	10.00
H. Verner	" "	"	11.00
M. W. Broyles	" "	"	7.50
F. M. Presley	" "	"	7.50

W. F. PARKER, Ch'm'n,
D. N. FRANKLIN,
N. M. COOPER,
A. H. PEEPLES, Sec.

Education—J. F. Smith read the report of the committee on Freedman's Aid and Education and the report was adopted.

Missions—J. D. Roberson read the report of the Committee on Missions and the report was adopted.

On motion the Bishop was requested to appoint a visiting committee to each of the schools in this Conference. A number of resolutions were adopted.

On motion of J. D. Roberson the Conference was to stand adjourned after the reading of the appointments.

The Conference engaged in singing a hymn after which the Bishop lead in a very earnest prayer. The appoint-

ments were then read, the doxology sung and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Joyce.

ISAAC W. JOYCE, President.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct record of the proceedings of the eleventh session of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference.

J. D. ROBERSON, Secretary.

CERTIFICATES OF ORDINATION.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 20, 1889.

This certifies that October 20, 1889, in Asheville, N. C., I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, J. W. Heatherly, Lewis A. Rominger, J. P. Brantley, James B. Tucker, H. H. Lowrie, C. F. Castevens and Daniel M. Matherson; also the same day in the same place assisted by Elders, I ordained as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, W. A. Ballew, C. O. Jones, A. J. Johnson, C. W. Smith, F. W. Bradley, D. N. Franklin, A. H. Peeples and Wiley Perry.

ISAAC W. JOYCE.

Reports of Committees.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Whereas the Sunday School and the Tract Societies are of such vital importance in the growth and prosperity of the Church, therefore

Resolved. That we the members of this Conference will instruct our people as to the nature working and utility of these societies and will at least raise the amounts asked of us to aid these societies in their godly work.

Resolved 2. That we will organize the Sunday Schools under our care into Missionary Societies and take collections monthly or quarterly for missions.

Resolved 3. That we will secure a donation of tracts where we are entitled to them and judiciously use the same for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Resolved 4. That we will see that all our Sunday Schools be well supplied with our Sunday School Literature.

L. A. ROMINGER.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Resolved, That we as a Conference are glad to note that many of our preachers are devoted to God, the Church and to the work of saving men, but while we would honor them for their devotion to God, we also deplore the fact that some of us who claim to be pastors fail in many of our obligations to the cause we have espoused. We are sorry to say that some do not make it a point to attend their District and Annual Conferences, when a very little effort on their part would make it possible for them to do so.

Resolved, That we repudiate the action of any pastor who, while he knows his people are able to support the ministry and the various benevolent causes does not stir our people to a remembrance of their vows.

Resolved, That we believe that many of our stronger circuits are able to assume self support, and that we request that they be left after this year without any missionary appropriation,and that so much of the missionary appropriation as possible be applied to new places, and especially to the cities and towns of the State.

Resolved, That we urge the official members of the Church to be punctual in attending Quarterly Meetings and in building up our classes for more aggressive work in the Lord's vineyard.

Resolved, That we earnestly appeal to the stewards of the Church for greater activity in developing the financial condition of our ministry, for many of our pastors are young, and while they need the advantages of a college education, yet for the sake of the souls of the people have stayed away from the fountains of Christian learning.

Resolved, That we appeal to our wealthier members for the sake of their souls, and for the good of others, to give as God has given to them.

Resolved, That each pastor is earnestly requested to preach on the subject of Christian benevolence during the first quarter of this conference year.

Resolved, That for the good of our people we urge each pastor to take the collections in every society for the different benevolent causes and begin in the first quarter.

Resolved, That we look for growth in grace among all our people, and urge that all be clothed with the spirit of our Divine Master.

Resolved, That each pastor preach at least one sermon in each class on holiness and the observance of the Sabbath.

E. J. WINKLER.

SABBATH OBSERVANCES.

The Sabbath is a day set apart by the Creator of all things as a day of rest from all secular employment, and our Savior taught by his own blessed example that it should be spent in the service of Almighty God. This day is being much secularized and desecrated by corporations, pleasure seekers, and institutions of vice, and especially since the employes of these corporations need the rest of the Sabbath and the benefits of the services of the sanctuary of the day of the Lord;

Therefore, be it resolved, That we as leaders of moral reforms teach both by precept and example the strict observance of the Sabbath; and,

Be it further resolved, That we favor the enactment of such laws and the adoption of such measures as will bring about a greatly needed reformation on this subject.

C. O. JONES.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, the prosperity and development of the Church and the increment of its membership depends largely upon the people being informed what the Church is and what is doing; and,

WHEREAS, it is utterly impossible to build up a strong, aggressive and devout membership out of people, who do not read a pure, wholesome and elevating Christian literature; and,

WHEREAS, the Methodist Episcopal Church, by its great and powerful publishing houses, furnishes an ample and abundant supply of the very best of Christian literature of all grades from the great volume to the tiny leaflet and as cheap as can be found in the world. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of this Conference, will use all diligence in circulating the books produced by our Book Concerns, and especially we will see that our people be supplied with the Disciplines and Hymnals of the Church.

Resolved, That we will use our best endeavors to place some of our Church periodicals in all the families of our people, and will give special attention to the circulation of the *Methodist Advocate*.

Resolved, That we will see that our Sunday Schools be supplied with ou own literature.

Resolved, That we recommend to our people the *Gospel in all Lands* and the *Methodist Review*.

H. VERNER,
WM. FRANKLIN.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS our work in this Conference measurally depends upon the aid we receive from the Church Extension Society; and,

WHEREAS, there is a great and crying need of many more church houses in the territory of this Conference; and,

WHEREAS, we receive in proportion to the amount we raise for this society; therefore,

Resolved, That we will raise our entire apportionment for Church Extension during the first quarter.

Resolved, That we will be earnest and diligent in erecting new churches wherever needed.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse Dr. W. A. Spencer's noble effort to raise a "Mountain Fund" to aid in the erection of cheap houses of worship through the rural sections of this mountain country, and we believe as many as 100 new churches can be built in the bounds of this Conference in the next two years worth at least $650 each if we can receive as much as $100 aid in money to each church.

D. M. CLAYTON.

BIBLE CAUSE.

We are glad to say we believe that a large majority of our people are supplied with the word of God,and rejoice

in the blessings that have come to the people from the reading and study of the same; yet there are some homes that have not the word of God in them, and there are many others where the Bible is not read and studied as it should be.

Resolved, Therefore, That we as a Conference, will do all we can to supply the deficiency and urge our people everywhere to read and study the Holy Scriptures more than they have in the past, and that we will take a collection in every appointment this year for the American Bible Society.

J. R. CANNON.

AUDITORS.

We have examined the accounts of the Presiding Elders and find them correct.

E. J. WINKLER.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

We regret to say that this Conference in the past has been so derelict to the duty it owes our chief pastors in raising funds for their support,

Resolved, Therefore, That we request that the amount for this fund be apportioned to the several charges in the early part of the year, and that we pledge ourselves to raise the apportionments.

W. PERRY.

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, the Methodist Episcopal Church through her chief pastors has declared, "From the beginning, Methodism has borne testimony against tippling-houses and dram-drinking. At an early day our church took advanced ground in favor of total abstinence, and our preachers were among the first in the field contending for the legal supression of the liquor trafic. It gives us

pleasure to note that indications abound that our people occupy no doubtful position on this subject, and will hold no second place in the pending struggles for constitutional prohibition. The liquor trafic is so pernicious in all its bearings, so inimical to the interests of honest trade, so repugnant to the moral sense, so injurious to the peace and order of society, so hurtful to the homes, to the church and to the body politic, and so utterly antagonistic to all that is precious in life, that the only proper attitude for Christians is that of relentless hostility. 'It can never be legalized without sin. No temporary device for regulating it can become a substitute for prohibition. License, high or low, is vicious in principle and powerless as a remedy." Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will ever maintain an uncompromising opposition to every influence or organization that would perpetuate this foul and gigantic foe of God and man.

Resolved, That we will be diligent and careful to cultivate a strong temperance sentiment among the people we serve, and that we will be unceasing in our efforts to suppress and destroy the liquor traffic from the face of the earth and bring the desired day, when we shall have total abstinence for every individual and complete legal prohibition for the State, the nation and the world.

C. W. Smith.

EDUCATION.

Whereas, the permanence and success of our work in this Conference depends largely upon the success of our educational institutions, and

Whereas, the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society has been giving much needed aid to some of our schools, and

Whereas, it proposes to give increased aid to these schools in the future, therefore—

Resolved, That we appreciate the efforts of this Society

in behalf of the higher education of our people in the South, and that we will do our utmost to raise the full amount apportioned to this Conference for this society.

Resolved, That we set apart the month of January as educational month, and that the cause of education be preached to each congregation in all our charges, and collections be taken.

CONFERENCE SEMINARIES.

Within the bounds of this Conference there are three academies in operation under the care of our church, all of which are enjoying a moderate degree of success and merit the special attention and care of this Conference.

LEICESTER ACADEMY

Located at Leicester, Buncombe county, N. C., has a property worth $2,000 free from all debt. The enrollment last year reached 135.

FAIRVIEW ACADEMY.

This school is located at Trap Hill, Wilkes county, N. C., has a property worth $1,500 free from all debt. The enrollment last year reached 125.

GRAHAM ACADENY.

This school is located at Smyrna, Carbrett county, N. C., has a property worth $1,300. The enrollment last year was good.

Resolved, That each pastor do all he can to aid these academies and increase their enrollment during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishop to appoint a visitor to each of our Conference Schools.

U. S. GRANT UNIVERSITY.

Whereas, during the past year the plan for the unification of Chattanooga University and the Grant Memorial University has been perfected and the two schools united under the name of U. S. Grant University, and

Whereas, the facilities for the higher grades of education have been increased in this institution, so that they are now superior to those of any other institution in the South, therefore,

Resolved, That we rejoice at the unification and success of this University and recommend that all our young people, who desire a high grade of Christian education, give it their patronage.

Resolved, That we urge all our young ministers, who can possibly do so, to spend some years in the Theological department, at Athens, Tennessee.

J. F. SMITH.

MISSIONS.

Bakersville district,	$280.00
Aaron,	80.00
Asheville,	300.00
Asheville circuit,	75.00
Bakersville,	200.00
Boone,	70.00
Burnsville,	80.00
Creston & Obids,	70.00
Elk Park & Cranberry,	30.00
Jefferson,	60.00
Linnville City,	50.00
Marion,	60.00
Red Hill,	70.00
Total,	$1,425.00
Clyde district,	$300.00
Boylston,	70.00
Charleston,	90.00
Clyde,	60.00
Franklin,	75.00
Haysville,	80.00
Hendersonville,	75.00
Highlands,	70.00
Jonathan's Creek,	58.00

Leicester,	60.00
Murphy,	85.00
Pisgah,	86.25
Spartanburg & Tryon City,	70.00
Webster,	95.00
Total,	$1,301.00
Eastern district,	$250.00
Bethlehem & Harkins' Island,	100.00
Kinikeet,	150.00
Morehead City & Beaufort,	140.00
Ocracoke & Hatteras,	80.00
Pates,	72.50
Rosindale,	20.00
Swansboro,	140.00
Total,	$952.00
Statesville district,	$350.00
Cane Creek,	50.00
Catawba,	90.00
Clingman,	60.00
Eagle Mills,	90.00
Gastonia,	76.25
Gold Hill,	70.00
Huntersville,	90.00
Randleman,	60.00
Trap Hill,	90.00
Troy,	75.00
Wilkesboro,	70.00
Winston,	80.00
Yadkinville,	70.00
Total,	$1,321.20

Grand tolal, $5,000.

J. D. Robertson, Ch'm'n,

W. Q. A. Graham, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations.

Isaac W. Joyce.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the citizens of Asheville, who have kindly entertained this conference; to the Richmond & Danville Railroad Co., for favors in the reduction of fare; to the press of Asheville for kindly notices, and to Bishop Joyce for his manifest interest in the conference, and valuable instructions and council given.

W. Q. A. Graham.

Appointments for 1889.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. R. Cannon, P. E.. P. O. Bakersville, N. C.

Aaron,	J. F. Matney.
Asheville,	J. D. Roberson.
Asheville Circuit,	W. F. Parker.
Bakersville,	A. Graybeal.
Boone,	R. A. F. Smith.
Burnsville,	L. A. Rominger.
Creston and Obid's,	H. Verner.
Elk Park and Cranberry,	To be supplied.
Jefferson,	T. W. Matney.
Linville City,	E. G. Nelson.
Marion,	D. M. Clayton.

W. E. West left without appointment to attend school.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

T. W. Brown, P. E., Clyde, N. C.

Boylston,	D. N. Franklin.
Charleston,	Supptied by M. A. West.
Clyde,	W. A. Ballew.
Franklin,	D. N. Matheson.
Haysville,	G. L. Henderson.
Hendersonville,	J. B. Naugle.
Highlands,	W. J. Evans.
Jonathan's Creek,	L. J. Penley.
Leicester,	C. W. Smith.
Murphy,	M. W. Broyles.
Pisgah,	J. B. Tucker.
Spartanburg and Tryon City,	J. B. Lindsay.
Webster,	A. H. Peeples.

J. H. Gillespie left without appointment to attend school.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

E. J. WINKLER, P. E., P. O. Smyrna, N. C.

Bethlehem and Harker's Island,	W. Q. A. Graham.
Kinnikeet,	J. H. Heatherly.
Morehead City and Beaufort,	Wm. Franklin.
Ocracoke and Hatteras,	C. F. Castephens.
Pate's,	J. P. York.
Rosindale,	Supplied by Aaron Moore.
Swansborough,	J. S. Burnett.

R. N. Smith left without appointment to attend school.
W. Q. A. Graham, principal of Graham Academy.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

R. M. WITT, P. E., P. O., Leicester, N. C.

Cave Creek,	Supplied by A. J. Cooper,
Catawba,	N. M. Cooper.
Clingman,	J. H. Heathe.
Eagle Mills,	A. J. Johnson.
Gastonia,	D. S. Richardson.
Gold Hill,	W. L. Wyatt.
Huntersville,	H. D. Christenbury.
Randleman,	S. A. Ernhardt.
Statesville Mission,	J. P. Brantley.
Trap Hill,	E. H. Reynolds.
Troy,	Wiley Perry.
Wilksboro,	J. J. Rhyne.
Winston,	J. H. Patterson.
Yadkinsville,	F. A. L. Clark.

Joel F. Smith, Principal of Fairview Seminary, and member of Trap Hill Quarterly Conference.

NAME of CHARGE	NAME of PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. Pastors. Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned, Presiding Elders.	Paid, Presiding Elders.	Apportioned, Bishops.	Paid, Bishops.	Apportioned, Conference Claimants.	Paid, Conference Claimants.
CLYDE DIST.										
Boylston	J F Woodfin									
Charleston	M A West	100	40	60	10	10	1			
Haysville	L J Penly	150	90	60	0	10				
Pisgah	D N Franklin	200	76	124	15	15				
Jonathan's Creek	M W Broyles	100	13	87	10	6				
Leicester	C W Smith	300	260	40	25	25				
Murphy	G L Henderson	200	123	77	20	20				
Clyde	W A Ballew	300	212	88	20	20				
Franklin	D M Mathison	130	100	30	15	15				
Webster	W J Evans	75	49	26	10	10	1			
Highland	J S Burnett	65	54	11	14	14				
Saluda	Wm Franklin	100	58	42	20	20	1			
Tryon City	J B Lindsay	25	13	12						
	Total	1745	1088	637	169	142	3			
EASTERN DIST.										
Bethlehem	W Q A Graham	112	100	2	12	6				
Hatteras	A H Peeples		6							
Ocracoke	A H Peeples	60	23	37	20	20	1			
Indian Mission	C F Castevens				28	28				
Harker's Island and Swansboro	R N Smith		6							
Morehead City †										
Smithville †										
	Total	172	135	49	60	54	1			
STATESVILLE DIST.										
Troy	F A L Clark	175	175							
Mt. Bethel	N M Cooper	150	75	75		6				
Winston	J H Patterson	140	80*	60	16	14	5		5	
Trap Hill	E H Reynolds	200	130	70	20	8				
Concord & Gold Hill	W J Wyatt	150	120	30						
Yadkinville	J B Tucker	125	40	85	16					
Asbury Mission	H D Christenbury	145	68	77						
Gastonia	Wiley Perry	200	182	18	20	10				
Wilksboro	J J Rhyne	50	25	25	5	2				
Eagle Mills	A J Johnson	150	125	20	10	12	1			
Cane Creek	A J Cooper									
Randleman	S A Earnhardt				10	5				
	Total	1485	1020	445	97	57	6		5	
BAKERSVILLE DIST.										
Bakersville Station	J R Cannon	350	290	60	30	30	1		1	
Marion	D M Clayton	150	50	100	28					
Asheville Circuit	W F Parker	130	32	98	25					
Asheville Station	C O Jones	650	600	50	30	28				
Creston	H Verner	152	103	49	28	22				
Cranberry & Aaron	J F Matney		109			16				
Burnsville	L A Rominger		58			4				
Boone	E C Reece	200	120	80						
Jefferson	T W Matney									
	Total Bakersv'le D	1632	1362	437	14	100	1		1	
	Total Clyde D	1745	1088	637	169	142	3			
	Total Eastern D	172	135	49	60	54	1			
	Total Statesville D	1485	1020	445	97	57	6		5	
	Grand Total	5034	3505	1578	467	353	11		6	

† No Report.

NAMES of CHARGES.	Membership				Baptisms.		CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonage.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses, (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)
CLYDE DIST														
Boylston	30	240	1				3	1200			50			
Charleston	10	30												
Clyde	33	328	2	6	16	20	6	2500	1	400	800	226	300	10
Highland	54	129	1	1	3	24	1	650			35	104		
Franklin	16	140	1	1	4	11	1	400						
Murphy	8	222	1		4	1	2	500	1	400	400	60		
Leicester	57	262	2	1	15	18	5	2500	1	350	1125		76	8
Pisgah	40	184		2		6	4	1800			200			
Jonathan's Creek		74	1		1	1								
Webster	11	63	1				1	650			350		100	
Haysville	15	110	1	3	2	12	3	1800	1	200	355			
Tryon City	2	7	1			1	1	800			250			5
Saluda	12	92	1	2			2	900			60			
Total	288	1881	13	16	45	94	29	13700	4	1350	3625	389	476	23
EASTERN DIST.														
Bethlehem	6	130					1	2000						
Hatteras	1	5					1	1000			200			
Ocracoke	9	83	1	1			1	1500				60		10
Indian Mission	43	183	4	4			3	1500						
Harker's Island and Swansboro	10	36												
Morehead City														
Smithville														
Total	69	437	5	5			6	6000			200	60		10
STATESVILLE DIST.														
Trap Hill	52	220	4	1		14	3	2000	1	400	450			
Concord and Gold Hill	5	188	2				5	2600						
Winston	10	150	3	3			3	1500			400	200		
Cane Creek	4	25					1	150						
Randleman	16	82		2		10	2	650			7			
Mt. Bethel	10	80		3		2	3	1500			200			1
Gastonia	40	194	1	2		4	7	1650	1	250			135	
Wilksboro	10	125	4	1		3	4	700			15			
Pilot Mountain Mission	3	133	1			3	1	500			60			
Eagle Mills	55	240	1	5		70	4	3000			200			
Troy	15	275	4			9	6	2500	1	100	500			
Yadkinville	6	190	1			3	3	1000						
Total	226	2012	21	17		118	42	18750	3	750	1832	200	135	1

CONFERENCE, 1889.

Sunday Schools.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.													Ministerial Support	
			For Miss'ns.														
No. of Schools.	No. of officers and teachers.	No. of scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From Sunday Sch'ls.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For S. S. Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educa'n Soc'ty.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presid'g Eld'r & Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Benevolent Collections.
2	10	100	41		41										106	
			1		1										50	
2	30	360	24		24	5			2					1	212	
3	8	80	12		12										64	
3	15	100	5	5	10	5			2						107	
3	12	90	4		4	3			3							
5	21	225	10	7	17	3			8	1					285	
3	20	100	6	4	10	2									76	
1	5	25				1									19	
1	6	35	4		4										49	
2	10	110	10		10	5			2						100	
						2									125	
2	8	40		13	13	1										
31	145	1265	117	29	146	27			17	1				1	1193	
1	12	150	8		8	2			26	1					100	
															6	
1	9	75	3		3		1	1							43	
4	19	175	12	3	15	2	1	1	2		1				158	
			1		1										6	
6	40	400	24		26	4	2	2	28	1	1				313	
6	17	175	10		10	4	2		1						138	
5	15	195	9		9										110	
3	10	125	2		4	1									80	
1	5	40	2		2											
4	19	150	1		1										46	
3	10	78	3	1	4	1									75	
2	9	89	10		10	4	1	1	2						137	
2	12	100	3		3		1								27	
2	11	70	12		12	2			2						68	
5	25	200	5		5	2	2								125	
6	25	200	4	4	8	2	1			1					175	
2	6	80	4		4										55	
41	164	1502	65	5	72	16	7	1	5	1				1	1056	

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BAKERSVILLE DIST.														
Bakersville	5	53				3	1	1600			90		200	40
Creston	61	266	2	2	1	20	6	2500			366			
Cranberry and Aaron	10	100	2	1	1									
Burnsville	6	80				2	1	600			130			
Marion	25	285		2	3	4	4	1500						
Red Hill	38	199	1	1	10	27	2	1200	1	250	800		6	5
Asheville Circuit	36	146	1	2	14	6	3	1500						
Asheville Station	4	99			1	4	1	5000	1	500	62		1200	80
Haw Creek		80					1	1000			600		230	
Boone	20	177	6	1	20	1	5	1500						
Jefferson	80	227	6				3	1300	1	400				
Total Bakersville D.	285	1712	18	9	50	67	24	17700	3	1150	2048		1636	125
Total Clyde D.	288	1881	13	16	45	94	29	13700	4	1380	3625	389	476	23
Total Eastern D.	69	437		5	5	10	6	6000			200	60		10
Total Statesville D.	226	2002	21	17	69	118	42	18750	3	750	1832	200	135	1
Grand Total	869	6032	52	47	169	289	101	55150	10	3280	7705	649	2247	159
Grand Total Last Year	876	5118	73	40	127	240	85	39525	9	2800	4794	685	1764	180
Increase		914		7	42	49	16	15625	1	480	2911		483	
Decrease	7		21									36		21

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1	10	131	7	5	12	5			5	10				192		32
7	47	301	6		6	1								125		
2	10	100	4	1	5	1								109		
1	5	75	1		1	1								62		
3	12	125	6		6											
4	28	200	9		9	5	1	1						90		10
3	28	144	2		2	1	1							32		
1	8	100	5	37	42	8	1	1	7	1	1					
4	9	175														
26	157	1351	40	43	83	22	3	2	13	11	1			610		23
31	145	1265	117	29	146	27			17	1			1	1193		
6	40	400	24	3	28	4	2	2	23	1	1			313		15
41	162	1502	65	5	72	16	7	1	5	1				1056		
104	504	4508	246	140	329	69	12	5	63	14	2		1	3172		47
88	516	4550	220	42	362	56	10	5	6	4				3385	2	59
16			26	98	77	13	2		57	10	2		1			
	12	58												213	2	12

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The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Clyde, N. C., October 16–20, 1890, Bishop I. W. Joyce presiding. J. D. Roberson, secretary. Postoffice of secretary, Asheville, N. C.

1. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference? David W. Thomas, from North India, and A. H. Gamble, from Minnesota Conference.

2. Who are admitted to trial? Samuel D. Tipton, Alonzo N. La Pierre, Green W. Matney, Roby A Gragg, William R. West, Alexander A. Traylor, Mitchell A. West, Thomas C. Croaker, David A. Lanier, James M. Heath.

3. Who remain on trial? E. G. Nelson, W. C. Matney, Joel F. Smith.

4. Who are discontinued? James B. Naugh. James B. Lindsay, W. E. West.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. A. F. Smith, R. N. Smith, D. S. Richardson, J. S. Burnett, William Franklin, W. J. Evans, J. F. Matney, J. H. Patterson, S. A. Earnhardt, Hardy Verner, J. P. York, C. F. Castevens, L. J. Penley, D. M. Matherson, W. J. Wyatt.

6. Who are readmitted? None.

7. Who are received on Credentials from other churches? None.

8. What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons? R. A. F. Smith, Reuben N. Smith, D. S. Richardson, John S. Burnett, William Franklin, W. J. Evans, J. F. Matney, John H. Patterson.

9. What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons? R. A. F. Smith, Reuben N. Smith, D. S. Richardson, John S. Burnett, William Franklin, W. J. Evans, J. F. Matney, John H. Patterson.

10. What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons? Mitchell A. West and Calvin Lowrie.

11. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons? Mitchel A. West.

12. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class? R. A. F. Smith, Reuben N. Smith, D. S. Richardson, J. S. Burnett, William Franklin, W. J. Evans, J. F. Matney, J. H. Patterson, S. A. Earnhardt, H. Verner, J. P. York, C. F. Castevens, L. J. Penley, D. M. Matherson, W. J. Wyatt, L. A. Rominger, J. J. Rhyne, J. B. Tucker.

13. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class? J. P. Brantley.

14. What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders? E. H. Reynolds, F. A. L. Clark.

15. What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders? E. A. Reynolds, F. A. L. Clark.

16. What Local Deacons have been elected Elders? None.

17. What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders? None.

18. Who are the Supernumary Preachers? A. F. English, J. F. West, William Rawlings, C. O. Jones, W. F. Parker, J. H. Heatherly, F. M. Presley, W. G. Matton, M. W. Boyles.

19. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? J. W. Naylor, J. F. Woodfin.

20. Was the character of each Preacher examined? It was.

21. Have any died? R. M. Witt.

22. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference? Wiley Perry to St. Louis Conference; Geo. E. Cunningham to Arkansas Conference.

23. Have any withdrawn? None.

24. Have any been located at their own request? David W. Thomas.

25. Have any been located? None.

26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

27. Have any been expelled? None.

28. Who are selected to be the Triers of Appeals? J. D. Roberson, T. W. Matney, F. A. L. Clark, D. M. Clayton, A. Grayheal, A. J. Johnson, W. A. Ballew.

29. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year? See report.

30. What is the Conference treasurer's report for this Conference year? See report.

31. What are the claims on the Conference Fund? See Report of Conference Stewards.

32. What has been received on these claims? See Report of Conference Stewards.

33. Where are the Preachers stationed? See Appointments.

34. Where shall the next Conference be held? Asheville, N. C.

Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

CLYDE, N. C., October 16, 1890.

The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Clyde, N. C., October 16, 1890, at 8:30 a. m. for its twelfth annual session, Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D., presiding.

Devotional Exercises—The Conference engaged in singing "Nearer My God to Thee," and A. Grayheal led in prayer. The Bishop read Scripture lessons from 2 Cor., chapters 11 and 4; also Heb. 11, and announced the hymn "And Are We Yet Alive," after the singing of which he led the Conference in prayer.

Roll Call—J. D. Roberson, secretary of the last session, called the roll, and twenty-nine of the members answered to their names.

Secretaries—J. D. Roberson was elected secretary and J. F. Smith and E. H. Reynolds assistants. A. Graybeal was elected Statistical Secretary and R. A. F. Smith, Assistant. W. J. Wyatt was elected Conference Treasurer.

Committees—The Presiding Elders having been appointed at the last session to nominate the usual Conference Committees, presented their report, which was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEES.

Public Worship—T. W. Brown, W. A. Ballew.

Conference Relations—The Presiding Elders.

Auditing—Wm. Franklin, J. F. Matney, E. H. Reynolds, L. J. Penley.

Temperance—J. S. Burnett, R. A. F. Smith, D. N. Franklin.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society—J. F. Smith, W. Q. A. Graham, T. W Matney.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—A. J. Johnson, W. A. Ballew, D. S. Richardson.

Bible Cause—D. M. Clayton, W. C. Matney, C. F. Casstevens.

Church Literature—H. Verner, D. N. Matherson, W. J. Wyatt.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Church Extension—J. D. Roberson, W. Q. A. Graham, J. H. Gillespie.

Episcopal Fund—F. A. L. Clark, N. M. Cooper, J. J. Rhyme.

New York Book Accounts—W. C. Matney.

Cincinnati Book Accounts—J. B. Naugle.

Conference Stewards—A. Graybeal, W. A. Ballew, J. S. Burnett, A. J. Johnson.

Conference Minutes—The Secretaries.

Sabbath Observance—J. F. Matney, D. N. Franklin, J. P. York, E. H. Reynolds.

Memoirs—J. D. Roberson, T. W. Brown, C. W. Smith.

Conference Bar—On motion of T. W. Brown the bar of the Conference was fixed to extend to the back part of the second pair of windows from the pulpit, and the conference to convene for its daily sessions at 8:30 a. m., and adjourn at 12 m.

Book Concern Dividend—The Bishop stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Book Concern for $276, and a draft was ordered.

Papers Referred—The Bishop presented several papers from the various connectional societies of the Church, and they were referred to their appropriate committees.

Collections for Board of Education—A paper from the Board of Education concerning the collections was read and ordered printed in the minutes.

Bishop's Address—The Bishop addressed the Conference in a very interesting and appropriate way.

Gospel in All Lands—William Franklin was appointed to attend to the subscriptions for the Missionary Magazine—"Gospel in All Lands."

Lay Representation—On motion of T. W. Brown to-morrow, 10 a. m., was fixed as the time for taking the vote on equal lay representation in the General Conferance.

Presbyterian General Assembly—A paper on the subject of Church Union, from the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, was presented by the Bishop and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Book Committee—The following communication from the Book Committee was read and ordered printed in the minutes:

Resolved, That the Bishops presiding at the various Annual Conferences be requested to submit to the Conferences in behalf of the Book Committee the question: Ought the Book Agents, in the distribution of dividends, to take into account the fact that some of the Conferences patronize and receive financial aid from periodicals not published by the Book Concern, or that others support papers whose circulation is at the expense of our General Conference organs, whose profits go to make dividends? and that this resolution be placed in the hands of each bishop. And, further, that each Conference be requested to publish in its Minutes the address of the Committee to Annual Conferences.—*Proceedings of the Book Committee, February*. 1890.

Introductions—J. L. Hurlburt, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society; Rev. A. H. Gamble, of Minnesota Conference, and G. S. Hill, of the North Carolina Conference were introduced to the Conference.

19*th Question*—Who are the Superanuated Preachers? was taken up. J. W. Naylor and J. F. Woodfin were called and continued in the relation of superanuates.

18*th Question*—Who are the supernumerary preachers? was taken up. A. F. English, J. E. West, William Rawlings and C. O. Jones were continued in the relation of supernumeraries. Geo. E. Cunningham the Bishop stated, had been transferred to Arkansas Conference.

Select Committee—F. M. Presley was called, and the Presiding Elder, T. W. Brown, stated that there were charges against Bro. Presley, and, on his motion, the charges were entertained. J. R. Cannon moved that the charges be referred to a select committee of nine, and also that E. J. Winkler, L. J. Penley and H. Verner be appointed a committee to nominate the select number, and the motion prevailed. J. H. Gillespie was appointed counsel for the church, and W. F. Parker was recognized as counsel for the accused.

1*st Question*—Who are received by transfer and from what Conference? The Bishop announced the transfer of David W. Thomas from North India to Blue Ridge Conference.

22*d Question*—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference? The Bishop announced the transfer of Wiley Perry to St. Louis Conference.

Dr. Hurlburt—Dr. Hurlburt addressed the Conference in the interest of the Sunday School Union, Tract Society and the Epworth League, showing in a very forcible way what great things the Church is doing for the young people of the country.

The committee to nominate the select committee in the case of Presley presented their report, and it being satisfactory to the accused, was approved, as follows: A. Graybeal, D. M. Clayton, C. W. Smith, M. W. Broyles, W. Q. A. Graham, N. M. Cooper, A. J. Johnson, H. D. Christenbury, E. J. Winkler.

The Bishop appointed T. W. Matney to preside in the meetings of the committee, and all the papers referring to the case were put in his hands.

20*th Question* was taken up. T. W. Brown, after the passage of his character, made his report as Presiding Elder of the Clyde District. D. N. Franklin, W. A. Ballew, J. H. Gillespie, M. W. Broyles, A. H. Peeples were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections.

Sister Witt—Mrs. C. A. Witt, the widow of Rev. R. M. Witt, deceased, was placed on the list of Conference Claimants. J. W. Naylor was referred to the Conference Stewards.

On motion of T. W. Brown it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 p. m., to receive the statistical and financial reports of the pastors. The Bishop appointed T. W. Matney to preside in the afternoon session and J. P. Brantley to conduct the devotional exercises, and C. W. Smith to conduct the worship to-morrow morning. The committees were called, announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Hurlburt.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment at 2 p. m., T. W. Matney, by appointment of the Bishop, presiding. J. P. Brantley conducted the devotions.

The roll was called and the pastors presented their Statistical and Financial reports.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by J. D. Roberson.

SECOND DAY.

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., the Bishop in the chair. C. W. Smith conducted the devotional exercise.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The list of those who had not passed in their Statistical report was called and a few reports collected.

The Secretary called the roll of the absentees at the opening session, and fourteen additional members answered to their names.

M. W. Broyles reported his collections.

On motion, the Conference dispensed with the further calling of the roll.

Introductions—J. F. Spence, D. D., Chancellor of U. S. Grant University; W. R. Long, of the Holston Conference; Geo. P. Johnson, of the Cincinnati Book Concern, nd Rev. E. R. Treadway, of the Baptist Church were introduced to the Conference.

J. H. Gillespie asked that the Committee on Examination for the first year and the class in that year be granted leave of absence for examination, and consent was given.

20th Question was resumed. J. R Cannon, after the passage of his character, presented his report as Presiding Elder of the Bakersville District J. D. Roberson, W. F. Parker, A. Grayheal, T. W. Matney and D. M. Clayton were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections.

Vote on Lay Representation—The Order of the Day was called for. The Secretary read a communication from the Bishops, containing the paragraph of the Discipline on Lay Representation as proposed to be changed. J. D. Roberson moved that we do not concur, and after some discussion the vote was taken and resulted as follows—6 for the change and 14 against it. The Bishop called attention to a paper on the same subject from the Philadelphia Conference, which was read by the Secretary. W. F. Parker moved that we concur in the proposed change of the Discipline. J. D. Roberson moved to amend Parker's motion. The vote was taken, and was 1 for the change as proposed in the paper and 13 against it.

20th Question was resumed. E. J. Winkler, Presiding Elder of the Eastern District, was called, his character passed, and he presented the

report of the District. W. Q. A. Graham was called, character passed, and he reported his collections. C. W. Smith was called, and after the passage of his character he made his report as Presiding Elder of Statesville District. A. J. Johnson, N. M. Cooper, H. D. Christenbury, J. H. Gillespie were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections.

W. C. Johnson, of Cincinnati, was introduced to the Conference.

24*th Question*—Have any been located at their own request? was taken up, and David W. Thomas was granted a location at his own request.

Dr. J. F. Spence addressed the Conference in the interest of the U. S. Grant University.

34*th Question*—Where shall the next Conference be held? Mt. Pleasant and Asheville were put in nomination and Asheville was selected.

The Committee on Public Worship made announcements.

J. H. Gillespie was appointed by the Bsshop to conduct the devotional exercise at the opening of the session to-morrow morning.

The doxology was sung and Conference adjourned with benediction by W. R. Long.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met at the usual hour, the Bishop in the chair.

J. H. Gillespie conducted the devotions.

W. J. Wyatt, Conference Treasurer, called the list of those who had not passed in their Financial reports.

3*d Question*—Who remain on trial? was taken up. E. G. Nelson, W. C. Matney, J. F. Smith, John H. Patterson were called, and after being represented by the Committee on Examination and their Presiding Elders, they were continued on trial. J. B. Naugle, James B. Lindsay and W. E. West were discontinued at their own request.

13*th Question*—Who are the Deacons of the Second Class? was taken up. J. H. Heatherly was granted a Supernumerary relation. L. A. Rominger was continued as a Deacon of the First Class. J. P. Brantley was called, reported his collections, and was advanced to the Deacons of the Second Class. Jas. B. Tucker, J. J. Rhyne were continued as Deacons of the Second Class.

14*th Question*—What Traveling Deacons have been elected to Elders' Orders? E. H. Reynolds and F. A. L. Clark were called, reported their collections, and after being represented by the Committee on Examination and their Presiding Elders were elected to Elders' Orders.

16*th Question*—What Local Deacons have been elected to Elders' Orders? was asked, and there were no recommendations.

10*th Question*—What Local Preachers have been elected to Deacons' Orders? W. A. West and Calvin Lowrie having been properly recommended were elected to Deacons' Orders.

Admitted on Trial.—The 2d Question was taken up—Who are admitted on trial? Recommended: From Bakersville District, Samuel D. Tipton, Alonzo N. LaPierre, Green W. Matney, Roby A. Gragg; from Clyde District, William R. West, Alexander Traylor, Mitchell A. West; from Statesville District, Thomas C. Croaker, David A. Lanier, James M. Heathe. The Committee on Examination reported in each of their cases, their Presiding Elders represented them, and they were admitted on trial. Green W. Matney and Roby A. Gragg were left without appointments, to attend school.

Veteran Ministers' Relief Association—The Secretary presented a paper from the Veteran Ministers' Relief Asssociation and asked that it be referred to the Conference Stewards, and by consent it was so referred.

1*st Question* was taken up and the Bishop announced the transfer of A. H. Gamble from the Minnesota to this Conference.

Full Connection.—Question 5th was taken up. The Bishop called forward the class to be admitted into full connection, and addressed them on the duties and qualifications of a minister, and asked them the usual questions. R. A. F. Smith, Reuben N. Smith, D. S. Richardson, John S. Burnett, William Franklin, W. J. Evans, J. F. Matney, John H. Patterson reported their collections and were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons' Orders.

S. A. Earnhardt, Hardy Verner, James P. York, C. F. Casstevens, L. J. Penley, David M. Matherson, W. J. Wyatt reported their solicitations and were admitted into full connection, they being in Orders.

Geo. L. Henderson was discontinued at his own request.

F. A. L. Clark was referred to the Conference Stewards, with instructions to pay him $5.

J. D. Roberson called the attention of the Conference to the importance of beginning now to provide a fund for the relief of preachers who shall be worn out and in need in the years to come.

Ministers' Relief Fund—W. Q. A. Graham offered the following preamble and resolution, which after a brief discussion was adopted: :

WHEREAS, We, as a Conference, have at present but few Conference claimants; and whereas, the time will come when funds will be needed to support the families of worn-out and deceased preachers; therefore,

Resolved, That we direct that the money in the hands of the Conference Stewards be made a Ministers' Relief Fund, and that it be placed in charge of a Board of Trustees, to be loaned on good collateral security or used in the purchase of real estate. We also further recommend that the money accruing from the Chartered Fund, the Book Concern and Conference collections be used from year to year to augment the fund, and that no appropriations be made from it except to real Conference claimants.

On motion of A. H. Peeples it was ordered that the Secretary be paid the balance due him on the publication of the Minutes for last year, and a collection for the purpose was taken.

On motion, it was decided that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at 2 p. m.

W. Q. A. Graham was appointed to conduct the devotions at the afternoon session.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. J. F. Spence.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair.

W. Q. A. Graham conducted the devotions, and was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

William Franklin read the report of the Auditing Committee, and it was adopted.

H. Verner presented the report of the Committee on Church Literature, and it was adopted.

W. Q. A. Graham moved that a Conference Correspondent be elected, and the motion prevailed. On motion of E. J. Winkler W. Q. A. Graham was elected.

Episcopal Fund—N. M. Cooper presented the report of the Episcopal Fund, which was amended and adopted.

Bible Cause—D. M. Clayton read the report on Bible Cause, and it was adopted.

Education—W. Q. A. Graham submitted the report of the Committee on Education and the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. Graham, J. F. Smith and Prof. H. F. Ketron spoke on the report, after which it was adopted.

Temperance—J. S. Burnett presented the report on Temperance, and the report was approved.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—A. J. Johnson read the report on Sunday Schools and Tracts, and it was amended and adopted.

Conference Stewards—A. Graybeal presented the report of the Board of Conference Stewards, which report was approved.

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham the following were appointed Trustees of the Ministers' Relief Fund, viz.: Ministers—E. J. Winkler, J. D. Roberson, A. Graybeal; Laymen—J. E. Reed, W. S. Hyams.

Secretary read the minutes of the morning session, and they were approved.

Question 7 was taken up, and the names of Samuel D. Tipton, from the Free-will Baptist Church, and James P. York, from the Wesleyan Methodist Church were presented for the recognition of their orders, and, on motion, they were both recognized as Local Elders in the M. E. Church.

J. F. Matney was appointed to conduct the devotional service Monday morning.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned, with benediction by M. W. Boyles.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair.

J. F. Matney conducted the devotions.

The minutes were read and approved.

M W. Boyles was given a Supernumerary relation.

28th Question was then taken up, and the Bishop named the Triers of Appeals, and they were approved.

The Bishop nominated the Conference Board of Church Extension, and they were approved.

Treasurer's Report—W. J. Wyatt read the Financial Report, and it was adopted.

Peace Conference—J. R. Cannon read a report of the Committee on the State of the Church, concerning a Peace Conference to be held in 1891, and the report was adopted and J. R. Cannon elected delegate to the Conference.

State of the Church—E. J. Winkler read Report No. 2, of the Committee on the State of the Church, and the report was adopted.

Church Extension—J. D. Roberson read the report of the Committee on Church Extension, which was adopted.

Collections—E. J. Winkler read a paper apportioning the benevolent collections according to membership, which was adopted.

Election of Women as Delegates—J. D. Roberson read a paper concerning the Election of Women as Lay Delegates, which was adopted.

Conference Course of Study—A. H. Gamble offered a paper relative to the Itinerant Clubs and the Conference Course of Study, which was adopted.

Conference Stewards—A Graybeal read the report of the Conference Stewards, which was approved.

Missions—E. J. Winkler read a paper concerning the appropriations, which was adopted.

Presley Case—E. H. Reynolds read the report of the committee in the case of F. M. Presley, and his character was passed.

Bishop Retired—J. D. Roberson was appointed by the Bishop to preside while the latter retired for consultation with the Presiding Elders.

Minutes—On motion, it was ordered that the roll be called and subscriptions taken for the publication of the Minutes, subscriptions to be paid before members leave the seat of Conference; $50 to be raised and the roll called again just before reading the appointments.

Bishop Returned—The Bishop returned and took the chair.

7th Question was recurred to. D. A. Lauer having come to the M. E. Church from the M. E. Church South, his orders as Local Deacon were recognized.

Statistical Report--A. Graybeal read the Statistical Report, and it was approved.

Report on Missions –J. R. Cannon read the report of the Committee on Missions, and the report was approved.

Memoir– The memoir of Rev. R. M. Witt, read by J. D. Roberson at the memorial service Sunday afternoon, was approved.

Ordinations--The Secretary read the certificates of Ordination.

Resolutions--J. P. Brantley read resolutions of thanks, which were adopted.

Committees--The Bishop presented the list of Committees on Examination for the ensuing year, and the Trustees for the Indian School.

Indian School Agent--E. J. Winkler was appointed Agent for the Indian School.

The roll was called for additional subscriptions to the Minutes.

On motion, it was ordered that after the approving of the Minutes and the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourn.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Conference engaged in singing and the Bishop lead in prayer. He then briefly addressed the Conference and read the appointments.

The doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

I. W. Joyce, President.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the approved and correct record of the proceedings of the twelfth session of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference.

J. D. Roberson, Secretary.

This certifies that in Clyde, N. C., October 19, 1890, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Robert A. F. Smith, Reuben N. Smith, David S. Richardson, John S. Burnett, William Franklin, William J. Evans, James F. Matney, John H. Patterson and Mitchell A. West; and the same day in the same place I ordained as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Erastus H. Reynolds and Francis A. L. Clark.

(Signed) Isaac W. Joyce.

Reports and Resolutions.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

WHEREAS, Many of the circuits and stations in the Blue Ridge Conference have not fully developed the Sunday School work; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Church depends largely on the work done in the Sunday School; therefore,

Resolved 1, That each pastor study carefully his appointments in order that he may know what is required to make the Sunday School a success.

Resolved 2, That we organize the Sunday Schools into Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools, as far as possible.

Resolved 3, That we use our own literature in our Sunday Schools.

Resolved 4, That we are very grateful to the Sunday School Union and the Tract Society for their liberal donations, and that we will do all we can to raise the amount asked by said societies; and further

Resolved, That each pastor supply his charge with tracts and such literature as may be needed.

A. J. JOHNSON.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, The prosperity and development of the Church and the increasing of its membership depends largely upon the people being informed what the Church is and what it is doing; and

WHEREAS, It is utterly impossible to build up a strong, aggressive and devout membership out of people who do not read pure, wholesome and elevating Christian literature; and

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church by its great and powerful publishing houses furnishes an ample and abundant supply of the very best literature of all grades, from the great volumes to the tiny leaflet, and as cheap as can be found in the world; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of this Conference, will use all diligence in circulating the books produced by our Book Concerns, and especially we will see that our people be supplied with the Disciplines, Hymnals and Catechisms of the Church.

Resolved 2, That we will use our best endeavors to place some of our Church periodicals in all the families of our people, and will give special attention to the circulation of our own Church papers.

Resolved 3, That we will see that all our Sunday Schools are well supplied with our graded Lesson Helps and other literature.

Resolved 4, That we recommend to our people the "Gospel in All Lands," the "Christian Educator," and "Christianity in Earnest."

H. VERNER,
D. M. MATHESON,
W. J. WYATT.

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church, speaking in harmony with the Scriptures and scientific investigations, has through all its history borne testimony against the enormous evils and ruin of intemperance, and has through its conferences, presses and pulpits declared its principles of temperance to be "total abstinence for the individual and complete legal prohibition for the civil government," therefore,

Resolved, That we feel grateful to Almghty God for the growing temperance sentiment, and especially for its rapid progress during the last quarter of a century; that we note with pleasure the ever increasing readiness of the people to vote, work and pray for the overthrow of the enormous evil; that we hail with delight the growing harmony of all the churches in their determined efforts for prohibition; that we look with joyful hope for the day soon to come when all Christendom will be united for the destruction of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, therefore, that we as Methodist ministers are determined to hold no second place in the on-coming struggles for the triumph of temperance.

Resolved, That we will preach on the subject of temperance at all our appointments, and thoroughly instruct our people as to the teachings and principles of the Church on the subject.

Resolved, That we will labor to secure local option laws, and through them to ultimately obtain national prohibition.

Resolved, That our pastors and Sunday School superintendents are instructed to secure pledges of total abstinence from the children of all our schools.

J. S. BURNETT.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The sanctity of the Christian Sabbath is a subject of the greatest importance to the Christian Church and to the American people in general. The increase of Sabbath desecration in our towns and cities and in many rural districts, and the entire disregard of the Sabbath by most railroad and steamboat companies and employes are just causes for alarm. No greater evil threatens our country to-day than the annihilation of the Christian Sabbath. Not only is Sabbath-breaking a great sin in itself, but the Sabbath-breaker in a very large measure puts himself beyond the influence of the Church, because of a laxity on its part in the faithful administration of wholesome discipline, and the failure of many of its ministers to come boldly to the defense of this holy day. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as ministers, will by precept and example, in public and in private, and from the pulpit, do all in our power to influence our people to observe the sacredness of God's holy day.

J. F. MATNEY.

AUDITORS.

We have examined he Presiding Elders' accounts, and find them correct.

WM. FRANKLIN,
E. H. REYNOLDS.

BIBLE CAUSE.

We are glad to say we believe that a very large majority of our people are supplied with the Word of God, and rejoice in the blessings that come to the people from the reading and study of the same; yet there are many homes that have not the Word of God in them, and there are many others where the Bible is not read and studied as it should be.

Resolved, therefore, that we as a Conference will do all that we can to supply the deficiency, and urge our people everywhere to read and study the Holy Scriptures in their homes more than they have done in the past; and that we, as pastors, will hold Bible readings at each of our appointments, and take a collection in every appointment for the Bible cause. D. M. CLAYTON.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, our work in this Conference measurably depends upon the aid we receive from the Church Extension Society; and,

WHEREAS, there is a great and crying need of many more church houses in the territory of this Conference; and,

WHEREAS, we receive in proportion to the amount we raise for this society; therefore,

Resolved, That we will raise our entire apportionment for Church Extension during the first quarter.

Resolved, That we will be earnest and diligent in erecting new churches wherever needed.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse Dr. W. A. Spencer's noble effort to raise a "Mountain Fund" to aid in the erection of cheap houses of worship through the rural sections of this mountain country, and we believe as many as 100 new churches can be built in the bounds of this Conference in the next two years, worth at least $650 each, if we can receive as much as $100 aid money to each church.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Received from Book Concern,	$276.00
" Chartered Fund,	30.00
" Conference Collections,	21.60
Total,	$327.60
Disbursed as follows:	
Mrs. R. M. Witt (paid to C. W. Smith),	$50.00
J. W. Naylor (paid to T. W. Brown),	30.00
F. A. L. Clark (paid to himself),	5.00
Trustees of Ministers' Relief Fund,	242.60
Total,	$327.60

A. GRAYBEAL, Chairman.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

WHEREAS, there has been sent to this Conference from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church a petition asking that our Conference elect one delegate as a member of the Christian Conference to be held in 1891, the object of which is the preservation of peace between all nations; therefore,

Resolved 1, That we believe such a Conference ought to be held.

2. That we elect one of our number to meet with that Christian Conference in 1891.

E. J. WINKLER.

Resolved, That all our preachers shall preach one sermon during the first quarter of the Conference year at each appointment, on the Duty of Membership in the Church.

Resolved 2, That we believe that the time has come when some of our stronger appointments should assume self-support, and that others should awake to this great duty.

Apportionment for the Benevolences per member—

Missionary Society,	35 cents.
Church Extension,	7 "
F. A. and S. E. Society,	7 "
Conference Claimants,	4 "
Education,	4 "
Sunday School Union,	2 "
Tract Society,	2 "
A. B. Society,	2 "
Episcopal Fund,	2 "

E. J. WINKLER.

EDUCATION.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has found North Carolina to be a peculiar field in which to propagate its peculiar work. She being the last to enter the field, has been compelled to follow largely in the wake of other denominations, and has found that its permanent growth and real prosperity is gauged by the success of its educational institutions. The prosperity of these institutions depends largely upon the aid received from the general church through her educational societies and

the individual efforts of her membership and pastors. She has don something for us through these mediums. The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society has given some aid, the appropriations for 1889–90 being––

To Leicester Academy, ...	$150
To Graham Academy, ...	100
To Trap Hill Academy, ...	100

Some aid has been given to indigent students by the Board of Education, and some of the pastors have done all they can by sending students, taking collections, and in other ways; but the main responsibilities of carrying on their institutions has fallen upon the principals and a very few others who have aided them.

We do declare, therefore, that the academic work of Blue Ridge Conference is, in our judgment, of vital importance in the development and prosperity of the Church, and we believe that the united and untiring efforts of our ministers and laymen should be devoted, first, to the strengthening of the academies within our own bounds.

We respectfully ask the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society to make larger appropriations to the schools of our Conference.

We urge upon our young people who wish to secure the benefit of education to enter our schools at once.

We heartily endorse the working of the Board of Education, and especially recommend the observance of the second Sunday in June as Children's Day.

We rejoice in the work and continued prosperity of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. It has completed a quarter of a century of active work and proposes to observe the year 1891 as a Quarter Centennial Jubilee. We pledge ourselves to do all in our power to help make the celebration a success. We recommend the Sunday service prepared by the Board in all our churches.

We also recommend the U. S. Grant University to those of our young people who desire the benefit of collegiate learning, as being eminently fitted to prepare them for the great battle of life, and we urge upon them to take early advantage of the facilities offered by that prosperous institution.

We recommend the following as visitors to the schools named: Graham Academy, Wm. Franklin; Leicester Academy, T. W. Brown;

Fair View Academy, C. W. Smith; U. S. Grant University, J. D. Roberson and A. Graybeal.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, Chairman.

ITINERANT CLUB.

WHEREAS, our Church is daily emphasizing the need of an educated ministry; and,

WHEREAS, our preachers throughout our entire connection are appreciating and nobly coming up to the requirements of this need; and,

WHEREAS, facilities are being multiplied on every hand, so that our ministers, old and young, may not only cultivate the student habit, but also pursue courses of profitable study; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that there be organized in each Presiding Elder's district an Itinerant Club, to aid the young preachers in thrir course of study and to give a systematic course to every Elder in the Conference who desires to take such course.

Resolved, That the course of study pursued outside of the regular Conference course be those suggested in Rev. C. M. Heard's Prize Essay, issued by Cranston and Stowe.

Resolved, That the Conference Examination Committees work in unison with the members of the Club, and that all examinations be conduoted on a sliding scale of marking, taking 10 as the maximum and 6 as the minimum standard of examinations, and that the examinations must be held at least one day before the meeting of the Conference.

A. H. GAMBLE.

THE ELECTION.

WHEREAS, The General Conference in 1888 directed that an election be held in every place of public worship in the Metodist Episcopal Church, at which every member in full connection, who is not less than twenty-one years of age shall be entitled to vote on the question: Shall women be eligible as lay delegates to the Electoral and General Coferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church? the ballot to be used by those favoring the measure shall be, "For the admission of women as lay delegates," and that used by those opposed, "Against the ad-

mission of women as lay delegates." The election to be held under the direction of the preacher in charge and two laymen chosen by the Quarterly Conference, or the Official Board, or, they failing, then the laymen to be chosen by the voters present at the hour of opening such election, the three to superintend the details of the election, and within ten days thereafter to report the results to the Presiding Elder of the district, who shall report the same to the Bishop of the next annual Conference, to be canvassed by the Conference and entered upon the Conference journal. If the preacher in charge is not present, the election may proceed without him. Public notice shall be given by the preacher in charge to each congregation at least twice during the thirty days preceding, at public service at each preaching place. Therefore,

Resolved, That the pastors of this Conference are hereby instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the election, so that it shall be held before the end of November, 1890.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to W. A. Ballew for his untiring interest in providing for the entertainment of this Conference; to the R. & D. R. for reduced rates; to the Secretaries for the faithful discharge of their laborious duties; to the citizens of Clyde for their generous hospitality, and to Bishop Joyce for his able and considerate administration among us.

J. P. BRANTLEY.

MISSIONS.

Bakersville District,	$250
Asheville "	150
Asheville Circuit,	50
Aaron "	75
Bakersville,	200
Bakersville Circuit,	70
Boone,	70
Burnsville,	75
Creston Mission,	90
Marion "	70

Linnville City,	200
Henderson and Tryon,	100
Skyland,	70
Total,	$1,495
Clyde District,	$250
Franklin,	80
Boylston,	70
Haysville,	70
Highland,	70
Jonathan's Creek,	80
Culberson,	80
Murphy,	100
Sylva,	80
Graham,	80
Pisgah,	60
Total,	$1,020
Coast District,	$275
Ashpole,	70
Bethlehem and Harker's Island,	90
Hatteras and Kinikeet,	100
Morehead City,	125
Ocracoke,	80
Pates,	85
Jacksonville,	100
Swansboro,	150
Wildwood,	125
Total,	$1,200
Statesville District,	$275
Catawba,	70
Clingman,	70
Eagle Mills,	50
Gold Hill,	60
Huntersville,	60
Randleman,	85

Statesville Mission,	40
Stokes and Surry Mission,	140
Troy,	25
Yadkin,	70
Winston,	150
Wilksboro,	70
Gastonia,	60
Total,	$1,285
Bakersville,	1,495
Clyde,	1,020
Coast,	1,200
Grand Total,	$5,000

T. W. Brown, Chairman,
J. R. Cannon, Secretary.

I approve the above appropriations. Isaac W. Joyce.

Appointments.

BAKERSVILLE DISTBICT.

J. R. Cannon, P. E. Postoffice, Bakersville, N. C.

Asheville,	J. D. Roberson.
Asheville Circuit,	E. H. Reynolds.
Aaron,	To be supplied.
Bakersville,	A. H. Camble.
Bakersville Circuit,	W. C. Matney.
Boone,	L. A. Rominger.
Burnsville,	S. D. Tipton.
Creston,	J. J. Rhyne.
Elk Park and Cranberry,	To be supplied.
Hendersonville and Tryon City,	To be supplied.
Jefferson,	J. F. Matney.
Linville City,	A. Graybeal.
Marion,	R. N. Smith.
Skyland Springs,	L. J. Penley.

R. A. F. Smith, Green W. Matney and Roby A. Gragg left without appointmens, to attend school.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

T. W. Brown, P. E. Postoffice, Clyde, N. C.

Boylston,	D. N. Franklin.
Clyde,	W. A. Ballew.
Culberson,	W. J. Evans.
Franklin,	D. M. Matherson.
Graham,	Supplied by B. R. Sherrell.

Haysville,	A. H. Peeples.
Highlands,	D. M. Clayton.
Jonathan's Creek,	M. A. West.
Leicester,	T. W. Matney.
Murphy,	A. Traylor.
Pisgah,	J. B. Tucker.
Sylvia,	N. M. Cooper.

J. H. Gillespie and William R. West left without appointment, to attend school.

COAST DISTRICT.

E. J. WINKLER, P. E. Postoffice, Wildwood, N. C.

Ashpole Mission,	Supplied by Aaron Moore.
Bethlehem and Harker's Island,	W. Q. A. Graham.
Hatteras and Kinikeet,	C. F. Casstevens.
Jacksonville,	To be supplied.
Morehead City,	To be supplied.
Ocracoke and Portsmouth,	E. G. Nelson.
Pates,	J. P. York.
Swansboro,	A. N. LaPierre.
Wildwood,	William Franklin.

W. Q. A. Graham, president of Graham Academy—Member of Bethlehem Quarterly Conference.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

C. W. SMITH, P. E. Postoffice, Catawba, N. C.

Catawba,	Hardy Vernon.
Clingman,	J. H. Heath.
Eagle Mills,	J. H. Patterson.
Gastonia,	D. S. Richardson.
Gold Hill,	T. C. Croaker.
Huntersville,	J. P. Brantley.
Randleman,	S. A. Earnhardt.

Statesville Mission.	John Dennis.
Stokes and Surrey Mission, . . .	A. J. Johnson.
Trap Hill, ...	D. A. Lanier.
Troy, ...	H. D. Christenbury.
Wilksboro, ...	W. J. Wyatt.
Winston, ...	J. S. Burnett.
Yadkinville, ...	F. A. L. Clark.

Joel F. Smith, president of Fair View Academy, member of Trap Hill Quarterly Conference.

R. M. WITT.

RUFUS MORGAN WITT was born in McMinn county, Tennessee, May 3, 1832, and died at Leicester, N. C., May 28, 1890. Early in life he moved to Monroe county, where he was engaged in farming for a number of years. He was converted to God and received into the Methodist Episcopal Church under the ministry of W. C. Graves soon after the close of the late civil war. He joined the Holston Conference in the fall of 1869. The first year of his itinerant life was spent as junior preacher, with J. N. Stamper, on a circuit in East Tennessee. He was then sent to Webster, N. C., where he did two years' faithful work. During his pastorate here he was married August 27, 1871, to Miss Clara A. Sorrels, at the residence of Judge Cannon, in Webster. After his marriage he served on charges in McDowell, Haywood, Cherokee and Buncombe counties, and three years and six months as Presiding Elder of the Statesville District, making a total of about twenty years that he was engaged in the active work of the ministry. Wherever he labored he did faithful and successful work. He won the confidence and esteem of all who knew him, and impressed every one with his sincerity and purity. The longer he remained with any people the more was he loved and honored. All through this mountain country can be found men and women who were brought to Christ and into the Church through his influence and labors. His life was a life of hard work. He lived more for others than for himself. Ease and luxury to him were strangers; toil and hardship were his life-long companions. Patience and contentment were prominent elements of his character. Without complaint or murmur he ever endured the burdens and trials that fell to his lot on earth, looking for his rest and reward in the world to come. He never sought to impress the world that he was either great or wise, but the elements of true greatness were in him, and he was possessed of a breadth of information that a brief

acquaintance would not reveal. He attempted no display and sought no fame; was plain, frank, sincere and devout. There was no veneering on either his head or his heart. He loved his church and his country. To the church he gave twenty years of hard and honest work; to his country he gave three years of brave service as a soldier, and his right eye. The religion that he preached and cherished through life gloriously sustained him in death. With him the struggle is over, the battle fought, and the crown of life forever gained. The Great Bishop of Souls has transferred him to the church triumphant. He sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, and bore strong and consoling testimony of the blessedness of the Christian religion.

It was a lovely day in May, the sun was bathing the earth with its light, the flowers were adorning the hills with their beauty and loading the breezes with their odors when that genial and Christ-like spirit quietly went out to be with its God and kindred amid brighter lovelier scenes. He leaves a devoted wife and five small, precious children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and affectionate father. May they, with all of us, meet him in the sweet by and by. Among his last utterances he told his friends that religion was all right; he had tried it in life, was testing it in death. He has gone to enjoy its ripened fruits in Glory.

J. D. Roberson.

Statistics Blue Ridge Conference, 1890.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. Pastors. Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned. Presiding Elders.	Paid, Presiding Elders.	Apportioned, Bishops.	Paid, Bishops.	Apportioned, Conference Claimants.	Paid, Conference Claimants.
Bakersville District.										
Asheville Station	J. D. Roberson	600	549	51	30	25	2	2	2	2
Asheville Circuit	W. F. Parker		28							
Aaron and Cranberry	J. F. Matney				30				1	1
Boone	R. A. F. Smith	150	113	67	30	14	1		1	1
Burnsville	L. A. Rominger	150	80	70	25	15			1	1
Creston and Obids	H. Verner	178	66	112	25	9			1	6
Bakersville Station	A. Graybeal	230	220	10	30	24	1			1
Linville City	E. G. Nelson								1	1
Marion	D. M. Clayton	120	70	50	30	30				
Jefferson	T. W. Matney	250	150	100	30	25	1	1	1	1
Red Hill	W. C. Matney	175	116	59	35	10	1		1	1
Clyde District.	Total	1853	1392	519	265	152	6	3	8	8
Boylston	D. N. Franklin	200	112	88	20	20	1	1	1	
Charleston	M. A. West	100	33	61	12	8	1	1		
Clyde	W. A. Ballew	500	500		20	20				
Franklin	D. N. Matheson	150	85	65	12	6	1		1	
Haysville	G. L. Henderson	24	24		15	19	1		1	
Hendersonville	J. B. Naugle	225	138	87	20	19	1		1	
Highlands	W. J. Evans	150	90	55	15	15	1		1	
Jonathan's Creek	L. J. Penland	180	95	90	10	9	1	1		
Leicester	C. W. Smith	300	213	87	25	19	1	1	1	1
Murphy	M. W. Broyles	200	150	50	20	18	1	1		
Pisgah	J. B. Tucker	200	189	20	20	20	1	1	1	1
Spartanburg and Tryon	J. B. Lindsay		196		4					
Webster	A. H. Peeples	115	16	109	10		1	1	1	
Statesville District.	Total	2354	1838	612	263	143	11	7	8	3
Cave Creek										
Catawba	A. J. Cooper		65							
Clingman	N. M. Cooper	160	65	35	8	10				
Eagle Mills	J. H. Heath	112	55	50	10	6				
Gastonia	A. J. Johnson	175	175							
Gold Hill	D. S. Richardson		133		20	14				
Huntersville	W. L. Wyatt	150	97	53	12	12	1		1	1
Randleman	H. D. Christenbury	140	94	46	15	12	5			1
Statesville	S. A. Earnhardt	90	48	32	10	8				
Trap Hill	J. P. Brantley	60	45	15						
Troy	E. H. Reynolds	360	360		15	13	1	1		
Wilksboro	Wiley Perry	202	166	36	20	13				
Winston	J. J. Rhyne	60	50	10	5	6				
Yadkinville	J. H. Patterson	118	86	32	16	18	1	1	1	1
	F. A. L. Clark	150	106	43	15	15				
Eastern District.	Total	1817	1566	352	146	127	8	2	4	3
Bethlehem	W. Q. A. Graham	200	185	15	15	12	2	1	2	1
Kinikeet	J. H. Heatherly		125		20	20				
Morehead City	William Franklin	50	29	20	10	5	1	1		
Ocracoke and Hatteras	C. E. Casstevens				40	20	1	1		
Pates	J. P. York	140	140		28	39			1	
Rosendale	Aaron Moore									
Swansboro	J. S. Burnett	55	70		12	11	1		1	
Ashpole Mission		25	25		10	10			1	
	Total	680	574	35	135	107	13	5	5	7
	Grand Total	6604	5470	1518	729	529	28	17	24	21

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership				Baptisms.		CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedn's on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses, (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)
Bakersville District.														
Asheville Station	5	99	1				2	10000	1	1000		1150		
Asheville Circuit	36	146					3	1500						
Aaron and Cranberry	10	110	1	2	2	8					400			
Boone	33	207	4	2	1	3	5	3000			95			
Burnsville	6	130					2	1000						
Creston and Obids	76	266	2	5		2		2000			60			
Bakersville Station	2	64	2			2		1500				230		40
Linville City														
Marion	16	292				2		1500						
Jefferson	30	250	4		2			1000	1	400				
Red Hill	59	201	2	2	6	14	2	1800	1	250	900	6		5
Total	273	1765	16	11	11	31	33	23300	3	1650	1355	1386		45
Clyde District.														
Boylston	11	162	1	2		5	2	1500						
Charleston	19	30	2	1		5								
Clyde	25	358	3	1	14	7	6	3000	1	500	600			10
Franklin	22	150	1	3	1	17	1	500	1	150	130		28	
Haysvil e	12	101	1	2			2	1200	1	200	25			3
Hendersonville	7	89	1				2	900			14			1
Highlands	16	138	2	3	17	12	1	800			75			
Jonathan's Creek	6	60	1			7	1	250			250	9		
Leicester	60	275	2	2	9	5	4	2200	1	300	50		250	40
Murphy	16	225	1	2	1	1	2	500	1	415	15	20	40	
Pisgah	25	208				7	5	3000	1	400	400		12	
Spartanburg and Tryon	2	32	2				1	800						
Webster	13	70	1	1	2	1	1	700			40			
Total	234	1998	18	16	44	67	28	15350	6	1965	1639	29	330	53
Statesville District.														
Cave Creek	4	25					1	150						
Catawba	8	80	1	2	17	3	3	1500						1
Clingman	10	180	1	1		1	3	800			1500			
Eagle Mills	62	333	1		15	39	6	3000			1100			
Gastonia	56	220	1	1	12	4	7	1700	1	250			135	
Gold Hill	7	201	2	4	13		4	2200						
Huntersville	6	127	1	2	9		2	1750			50			
Randleman	7	140				6	3	950			300			
Statesville Mission	1	42		2	6		3	500						
Trap Hill	56	231	3	4		2	3	2400	1	350	300			
Troy	28	189	4	2	1	8	7	3000	1	1000	10			3
Wilkesboro	10	150	4	3	7		5	1000			50			
Winston	9	150	3	2	2	4	4	2000			500	7	206	
Yadkinville	15	250	2	3	4	16	4	1250	1	150	200		30	
Total	279	2247	23	25	73	82	55	22000	4	1650	4010	7	371	4

Sunday-Schools.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											Ministerial Support		Other Benevolent Collections.
			For Miss'ns													
No. of Schools.	No. of officers and teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From Sunday-Sch'ls	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For S. S. Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and South'n Educa'n Soc'ty.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Women's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	
2	11	140	6	28	34	13	1	1	5		1			576	2	
			6		6									28		
	10	150	7	3	10	5	1	1	5	1				82	1	
5	30	180	10		10	2			1					128	1	
			5		5									80		
6	36	312	5	2	7	5			1					75	1	
1	10	115		12	12	5	1		4	3				244	1	
3	15	75	8		8	3								100	1	
4	20	200	15		15	5	1	1	5		1			140	1	
5	24	260	5	3	8	5	1	1						144	1	
26	156	1422	67	48	115	30	5	4	21	8	2			1597	9	
3	15	105	10	2	12	6							1	133		
2	8	75	5		5	3			2					48		1
4	24	200	29		29	5	1	1	12	1	1			300		
1	4	40	5	4	9	3								91		
2	8	60	6	1	7	5	1							93		
1	4	40	8		8	3								158	1	
3	12	100	4		4	3								95		
1	6	30	5		5	3								107		
3	22	260	12	5	17	8			5	1				233	1	
3	15	95	2	3	5	3			2					169		
5	30	255	5	3	8	3	1	1	3					200	1	
			10		10	3										
2	12	75	5		5	3								68		
30	160	1355	104	18	124	45	2	3	24	2	3	1		1695	3	1
														46		
3	15	120	3		3	1								75		
3	15	200	5		5	1			1	1			1	65		
5	30	300	6	2	8	6	2	2	1	1				175	1	
5	25	150	8		8	3	1	1						147	1	
3	19	150	5		5	1			1					110	1	
3	6	100	7		7	2								106	1	
3	15	90	3		3	2								56		
1	8	75	1		1									45		
6	20	180	12		12	5			2					111		
6	21	210	11		11				1					180	1	
5	40	200	4	1	5	1	1		1					50		
3	12	140	10		10	1	1	1		1				85	1	
3	30	150	5	5	10	3	1		2					122		
50	242	1965	80	8	98	27	6	4	9	3			1	1273	6	

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Bethlehem	39	162	1		1	24	2	2500	2	1600	400		20	15
Kinikeet	13	46	1	1	3		1	450			225			
Morehead and Beaufort	34	38									175			
Ocracoke and Hatteras	14	69			1		2	1900			190	14		12
Pates	10	277	4	2	4	10	4	1600						1
Rosendale														
Swansboro	17	66			2	5	2	675			375		130	4
Ashpole Mission	22	25					1	300	1	500				
Total	149	683	6	3	11	39	12	7425	3	1500	1155	14	150	32
Grand Total	935	6693	63	55	139	209	128	68075	15	6655	8149	1436	851	134
Grand Total last year	869	6032	52	47	169	289	101	55280	10	3280	7705	6049	2247	159
Increase	67	661	11	8			27	12925	5	3375	444			
Decrease					30	80						4613	1396	25

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2	23	195	13		13	5	1	1	25	1				193	1	
1	6	40	1		1	2	1		1	1				332	1	
1	8	40	6		6	5								335		
1	10	110	1		1	8								125		
4	12	125	8		8	3	10	1						169		
3	15	145	9		9	4	1		1							
1	4	30	1		1	1			1					81		
														35		
13	78	675	39		39	28	13	2	28	2				690	2	
119	636	5417	390	74	376	140	26	13	82	15	5	1	2	5145	20	1
104	504	4508	249	140	329	69	10	4	63	14	2		1	3171		47
15	132	909	144	66	47	71	14	8	19	1	3	1	1	1983	20	46

AARON SEMINARY.

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LOCATION.

Aaron, the seat of Aaron Seminary, is located in Mitchell County, North Carolina. It is in a low gap of the Blue Ridge mountains. The water runs, part into the Atlantic and part into the Gulf of Mexico. Aaron is near the source of Toe, Linville and Watauga rivers, and in three miles of the base of the Grand Father mountain. It is eight miles from the Cranberry Iron Works and two miles from Linville City, and on the proposed railroad from Cranberry via. Linville City. The location for a town is good. The site is beautiful. For school purposes the location is not excelled in Western North Carolina, as there is no school of any consequence, of high grade, near.

HEALTH.

So far as we know there is not a more healthful place on earth. Everything is indicative of that fact. The atmosphere is pure and bracing and free from all miasma. The water is the best. If healthfulness of the place will insure good health, we can offer special inducements to those who desire to attend school; also to those who desire to have a home here.

SCENERY.

Aaron is surrounded by picturesque scenery, being very near and in plain view of the Grandfather mountain whose craggy lips kiss the floating clouds. This mountain cannot be described so as to do it justice. To be appreciated it must be seen. By his side stands the Grandmother mountain. From the Seminary one can see the Roan, Hanging Rock, and a number of other mountains.

TOWN.

Aaron is a new town, but is destined to become a good school town. Lots are selling and houses continually being built. The morals are as good as can be found anywhere. The most of the town site is what is known as "Seminary lands"—lands given by citizens for the purpose of erecting a school building. The lands are laid off in town lots, and the proceeds of the sales go into the building; so that every lot sold, while it benefits the purchaser, helps the school. We will be glad to have persons buy lots for residences or business places. If you cannot huild now, it will be a safe investment to buy lots, and at the same time aid the school. The largest lots are three-fourths of an acre, from that down to business lots, ranging in prices from $25 to $80.

SCHOOL.

A good house is now (November, 1890) building, which will accommodate over two hundred students when completed. It will be completed in the near future, and ready for school by fall, 1891, at which time the Trustees aim to start a first-class school of academic grade. The school will be under the management of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but will not be sectarian, so that any one can feel at liberty to patronize it. It is our intention to make it worthy of the patronage of all who desire to obtain a liberal education or prepare for college. We are warranted in saying that students can go as cheaply here as any where. A hotel is building for the purpose of boarding students. Board can be had in private families.

MAILS.

We have daily mails from Cranberry, and three times per week from Marion; also, a daily hack runs from Cranberry via. Aaron to Linville City.

Any one desiring further information can address Rev. J. R. Cannon, Presiding Elder of Bakersville District M. E. Church, or A. Graybeal, pastor at Aaron.

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Disciplinary Questions.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Asheville, N. C., Oct. 21st, 1891, Bishop H. W. Warren presiding; A. Graybeal, Secretary, Montezuma, N. C.

1. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences? None.

2. Who are admitted on trial? George R. Rowan, F. M. Bradley, J. F. Privett.

3. Who remain on trial? Samuel D. Tipton, Roby A. Gregg, James M. Heath, Thomas C. Croaker, Green W. Matney, Alexander Traylor, W. R. West, David A. Lanier, also M. A. West, not passed the examination of the first year.

4. Who are discontinued? Alonzo N. LaPiere, Wilson J. Wyatt.

5. Who are admitted to full connection? Elijah N. Nelson, W. C. Matney, Joel F. Smith.

6. Who are admitted? None.

7. Who are received on credentials from other Churches? None.

8. What traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons? First and second of question 5th.

9. What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons? Elijah G. Nelson, W. C. Matney.

10. What local preachers have been elected Deacons? Alexander Traylor, George R. Rowan.

11. What local preachers have been ordained Deacons? Alexander Traylor, G. R. Rowan.

12. Who are the traveling Deacons of the First class? R. A. F. Smith, James P. York, L. J. Penley, D. M. Mather-

son, L. A. Rominger, J. B. Tucker, James F. Matney, Hardy Verner, C. F. Casstevens, John P. Brantley, Jonas J. Rhyne.

13. Who are the traveling Deacons of the Second class? J. S. Burnett, William Franklin, William P. Evans, Reuben N. Smith. David S. Richardson, Stokes A. Earnheardt.

14. What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders? None.

15. What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders? None.

16. What local Deacons have been elected Elders? David A. Lanier, Joel F. Smith.

17. What local Deacons have been ordained Elders? David A. Lanier, Joel F. Smith.

18. Who are supernumerary preachers? William Rawlings, E. F. Presley, J. H. Heath, W. F. Parker, A. F. English, J. F West, C. O. Jones, M W. Broyles, L. A. Rominger, H. Verner.

19. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. W. Naylor, W. G. Matton.

20. Was the character of each preacher examined? It was.

21. Have any died? D. M. Clayton.

22. Have any been transferred, and to what Conferences? None.

23. Have any withdrawn? No.

24. Have any been located at their own request? No.

25. Have any been located? No.

26 Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? No.

27. Have any been expelled? No.

28. Who are selected to be the Triers of Appeals? J. D. Roberson, T. W. Matney, F. A. L. Clark, A. Graybeal, A. J. Johnson, W. A. Ballew.

29. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year. See report.

30. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report for this Conference year? See report of Treasurer.

31. What are the claims on the Conference fund? See report of Stewards.

32. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? See report of Conference Stewards.

33. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.

34. Where shall the next Conference be held? New Home, Poindexter Postoffice, Yadkin county, N C.

Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., October 21st, 1891.

The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met in the First Methodist Episcopal Church Asheville, October 21st, 1891, for its 13th Session, Bishop H. W. Warren in the chair.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—The Conference was opened by singing, Scripture reading and prayer, lead by the Bishop. Scripture lessons: John 9th chapter, and a selection from Paul's Epistles. Hymn 798 was used. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop and Presiding Elders.

ROLL CALL.—J. D. Roberson, Secretary of the last session, called the roll, and 33 members and probationers answered to their names.

SECRETARIES.—A. Graybeal was elected secretary and Joel F. Smith assistant; W. Q. A. Graham and A. H. Gamble, statistical secretaries; J. S. Burnett, treasurer. The usual committees were appointed:

Public worship—J. R. Cannon and J. D. Roberson.

Conference relations—The Presiding Elders.

Auditing—A. J. Johnson, W. A. Ballew and W. J. Evans.

Temperance—A. H. Gamble, W. J. Evans and W. Q. A. Graham.

Freedman's aid and southern educational society—J. H. Gillespie, C. F. Casstevens and W. C. Matney.

Sunday School and tracts—E. H. Reynolds, R. N. Smith and W. A. Ballew.

Bible Committee—J. H. Patterson and T. W. Matney.

Church literature—J. K. Tucker and S. D. Tipton.

Church extension—J. D. Robeson, A. J. Johnson and W. Q. A. Graham.

New York book accounts—W. C. Matney.

Cincinnati book accounts—C. F. Casstevens.

Conference stewards—E. H. Reynolds, W. J. Evans and D. W. Franklin.

Conference minutes—The secretaries.

Sabbath observance—T. W. Matney, D. N. Franklin, J. P. York.

Memoirs—J. D. Robeson, T. W. Brown, D. N. Franklin and L. J. Penley.

Book Committee Dividend—The Bishop stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the book concern for $450. and a draft was ordered.

Chartered Fund—The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to $30 from the Chartered Fund and a draft was ordered.

Y. M. C. A.—J. D. Robeson read an invitation from the Y. M. C. A. to visit their rooms. A vote of thanks was tendered them.

On motion of W. A. Ballew, all reports from pastors required to be given in full. On motion of J. P. Robeson. The time for opening was fixed at 8:30 a. m. adjourning 12 m.

Twentieth question.—T. W. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Clyde District, was called after his character passed, he read his report. D. N. Franklin, W. A. Ballew, T. W. Matney, N. M. Cooper were called, their character passed and they reported their collections.

Introductions—C. W. Byrd, Pastor of the Central M. E. Church, South, J. C. Campbell, of North Asheville M. E. Church South, and Dr. Davidson were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. W. L. Davidson addressed the Conference in the interest of the Sunday School Union and Tract Societies.

Twentieth question resumed.—E. J. Winkler, Presiding Elder of the Coast District, was called, his character passed, and he read a report of his District. W. Q. A. Graham's character passed and he reported his collections

On motion of J. R. Cannon, time of voting on constitu

tional questions and election of delegates to General Conference fixed at 11 a m. Wednesday, or immediately after the reception of the class announcements were made.

On motion of J. D. Robeson a meeting was ordered at 2:30 p. m., for collection of statistics and J. D. Robeson was appointed to preside.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time benediction by Bishop Warren.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:30.

D. N. Franklin lead the Conference in prayer. J. D. Robeson in the chair, most of the pastors gave their statistics and collections to the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m. Bishop Warren conducted the devotions

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. The Statistical Secretary read the names of those who had not passed their reports.

Education.—A committee on education was appointed on education consisting of J D. Robeson, J. F. Smith and W. Q. A. Graham.

On motion of E. J. Winkler, a committee on the state of the church was appointed. E. J. Winkler, W. A. Ballew and W. J. Evans were appointed.

Blue Ridge Assembly.—A. H. Gamble read a report and resolution concerning a Blue Ridge Assembly, and nominated J. D. Roberson as chairman of a committee to consider the matter and report to the Conference. Joel F. Smith, W. Q. A. Graham and W. A. Ballew were added to the committee. See resolution which was tabled.

18th Question.—Who are the supernumerary preachers? was taken up. A. F. English. C. O. Jones, J. H. Heatherly, M. W. Broyles, Wm. Rawlins, were continued in their present relations. W. G. Matton was placed on the list of superannuates.

10th Question.—Who are elected to local deacon's orders? was taken up, and G. R. Rowan, and Alexander Tray-

lor, after being reported by the committee were elected to orders

Fifth Question —Who are admitted into full connection? was taken up. E. G. Nelson, W. C Matney and Joel F. Smith were called, and the Bishop addressed them in a very earnest and eloquent way. The committee reported and they were examined and admitted after E G. Wilson and W. C. Matney, reported their collections, and Nelson and Matney were elected to Deacons orders, J. F. Smith being already in order.

Constitutional Question.—The vote was taken on the restrictive rule. W. C Matney and A J. Johnson, were appointed Tellers. It was found that there were 23 for and 17 against. The vote was taken on the second question "Shall the constitution be so amended that women will be elligible to the lay-electoral, and General Conference," and it was found that the vote stood 22 for and 14 against. The Bishop addressed the lay-delegates concerning the election of a lay-delegate to the General Conference. The time for adjournment having arrived, on motion of A. Graybeal, the time was extended indefinitely.

Election of Delegates.—Four ballotswere taken On the fourth, the Chairman declared T. W. Matney elected as Ministerial delegate. On motion of A. H. Gamble, the one having received the next largest vote was chosen as the reserve delegate. J. R Cannon was declared elected

On motion of A Graybeal, the elections were made unanimous.

On motion of J S. Burnett, William Franklin was appointed Assistant Treasurer. Announcements were made.

Doxology was sung and benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met at the usual hour and Bishop Warren conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and after corrections, approved.

The Statistical secretary read the names of the brethren who had not made their reports.

Historical Society.—E. J. Winkler read a resolution concerning a Historical Society. See resolution, which was referred to a committee consisting of E. J. Winkler, J. D. Robeson and W. G. Matton, who are requested to consider the matter and report to this conference.

Courses of Study.—A. H. Gamble read resolutions concerning a systematic way for pursuing the conference course of study, (see resolution), which was referred to a committee consisting of the chairman of each of the four years of study.

Missions.—E. J. Winkler read a resolution relative to the distribution of the Missionary appropriation.

On motion of J. R. Cannon, the hour for opening was changed from 8:30 a. m. to 9 a. m.

On motion of A. J. Johnson, it was ordered that all the monies collected on the several districts for Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society be paid to the school located in the district in which the collection was taken.

Nineteenth Question taken up. J. W. Naylor was called, and the Secretary read a letter from him concerning his financial condition. He was continued in his present relation. J. F. Woodfin was called and it was reported that he had withdrawn from the church. On motion of W. G. Matton, his case was referred to the committee on conference relations. On motion of J. D. Robeson, C. W. Smith was placed on the committee on Education, and W. G. Matton on Church Extension, in place of J. D. Robeson.

Twentieth Question resumed. J. R. Cannon, P. E. of the Bakersville District, read a report of his work.

J. D. Robeson, A. Graybeal, E. H. Reynolds, and A. H. Gamble were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections.

The affective elders on the Statesville District were called and the character of the following passed, and they reported their collections. A. J. Johnson, H. D. Christenbury, F. A. L. Clark.

The character of J. H. Gillespie, was passed.

Question 3d. Who continue on trial was taken up: Roby Gragg, G. W. Matney, M. A. West, were not examined and they were continued in the first year. J. M. Heath, T. C.

Croaker, Alexander Traylor, D. A Lanier, and S. D. Tipton, after being represented by their Presiding Elders and committee on Examination, were continued on trial and advanced to the second year. A N. La Pierre was discontinued.

Question 13th was taken up J. S. Burnett, William Franklin, D N Matherson, R N. Smith, D. S. Richardson, J. H. Patterson, S A. Earnhardt, and Joel F. Smith, were upon the recommendation of the committee advanced to Deacons of the second class.

J. P. York, L. A. Rominger, J. B. Tucker, J. F. Matney, H. Verner, C. L. Casstevens, J. P Brantley, J. J. Rhine, were continued Deacons of the first class.

INTRODUCTION.—Rev. Troy, of the Riverside M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the conference.

The announcements were made and the conference with benediction by the Bishop, adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 a. m.: Bishop Warren conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes were read and after correction, approved. E. A. Reynolds read a report on Sunday Schools. Report adopted. See report.

A. J. Johnson read the report of the Auditing committee: report adopted.

J. H. Gillespie read the report of the committee on the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society; after discussion, report was adopted

On motion of W. F. Parker, the case of Joel F. Smith was referred to the conference Stewards for aid.

J. R. Cannon read the report of the committee on conference relation.

On motion of W G. Matton, the Presiding Elder of J. F. Woodfin, was requested to secure his Parchments, and that it be entered on the minutes that he had withdrawn from the Church. The motion carried

The committee to whom the resolutions concerning the Historical Society were submitted, reported. Report was adopted. The following were elected officers of said Society:

W. G Matton, President; T. W. Brown, Vice-President; A. Graybeal, Secretary; J. S. Burnett, Treasurer.

The following were elected District Secretaries: George R. Rowan, J. F. Smith, W. Q. A. Graham and H. D Christenbury

R. N. Smith read the report of the committee on Church Literature. Report adopted.

A. Graybeal, Editor of the Blue Ridge News, addressed the conference in the interest of the paper.

E. H. Reynolds read the report of the Conference Stewards. See report.

Twenty-eighth Question.—Who are the Triers of Appeals? was taken up. On motion of C. W. Smith, the old Board was re-elected.

Thirty-fourth Question.—Where shall the next Conference be held? was taken up. Bethlehem Church, and New Home Church were nominated, and New Home Church, Poindexter, Yadkin county, was selected.

L A. Rominger and H. Verner were granted a supernumerary relation.

W. G. Matton read the report of the committee on Church Extension. Report was adopted.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Warren.

FOURTH DAY—Evening Session.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, at 7:30 p. m. Bishop Warren in the chair.

Minutes of morning were read and approved.

A. H. Gamble read the report of the committee on Temperance. W. G. Matton, W. A. Ballew, Bishop Warren, J. A. Stikeleather, State Temperance Lecturer, addressed the conference in support of the report. The report was unanimously adopted.

William Franklin, visitor to Graham Academy, reported the work of this Institution.

J. S. Burnett, Treasurer of this conference, made a report of his work.

W. Q. A. Graham, Statistical Secretary, made his report

A. Graybeal read the following resolution:

Resolved, That we adopt the plan we pursued last year for raising funds for publishing the minutes. Report was adopted

J. D. Robeson read the report concerning the Blue Ridge Assembly. See report which was adopted

The Secretary called the roll and took subscriptions for publishing the minutes.

Question 2d. Who are admitted on trial? was taken up. G R. Rowan, F. M Bradley, J. F Privett, were called, and admitted on trial J. R. Heath and F. M Keith were recommended, but they were not present

W Q A. Graham read resoluttons of thanks to the citizens of Asheville for their hospitality, and Richmond and Danville railroad for reduced rates, and to the Asheville CITIZEN for notices

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay a debt of $12 out of the conference claimant fund, for the widow of Rev. R. M Witt.

J Henry Tharp, Secretary of the Lay-Electoral conference, read the minutes of their meeting. Minutes were adopted.

J. D. Robeson read a resolution of thanks to the Bishop and Secretaries for their work.

Bishop Warren addressed the Lay-Conference concerning the support of the Church.

A. Graybeal read a resolution conceaning the collection for conference claimants. Report was adopted.

On motion the conference adjonrned.

H. W. WARREN, President

A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

Reports and Resolutions.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Paid Mrs R. M. Witt,	$75 00
Paid Mrs. D. M. Clayton.	75 00
Paid Mrs. W. G. Matton.	50 00

Conference Claimants.

E. H. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

The committee to consider the establishing of an Assembly in the bounds of the conference, report as follows:

We recommend that committee of same be appointed to select a location, securing deed, to be made to themselves as Trustees, and to promote the erection of buildings and the improvement of the land as they may consider advisable, so that they do not involve the conference in any debt.

We recommend that the following be elected as a committee, herein named:

J. R. Cannon, C. W. Smith, A. H. Gamble, A. Graybeal, T. W. Brown, E. J. Winkler, T. W. Matney.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ROBESON.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

Feeling deeply sensible of our need of advanced educational facilities, and realizing that our success as a Church depends largely upon the education of our people, we are pleased to learn of the increasing prosperity of the Board of Education under the management of Dr. Payne, and recommend the following:

I. That Children's Day, Second Sunday in June, be observed in every charge. That the whole day be given to the service and a collection be taken at each service, and that the contribution of the children be forwarded immediately to the Secretary of the Board, at 150, Fifth Avenue, New York City.

II. We further recommend the organization of a Conference Educational Society.

III. That we urge all our pastors to pray publicly for all our educational interests, institutions of learning, their officers, instructors and students, and for the Board of Education.

IV. To present publicly and privately the importance of giving our young people a higher education, and to urge the patronage of our own denominational schools, and especially vigorously, by all laudable means, the following literary institutions which are under the patronage of our own Conference.

Graham Academy, located at Marshallburg, N. C, within the bounds of the Eastern District. with W. Q. A. Graham as its President.

Fair View College, located at Trap Hill, N. C., within bounds of Statesville District, with Joel F. Smith as President.

Aaron Seminary, located at Montezuma, N. C., within bounds of Bakersville District, George R. Rowan, President.

Leicester Seminary, at Leicester, N C., within bounds of Clyde District.

V. We recommend that each charge, in addition to its regular collection for education, attempt to raise from $25 to $50 to aid some worthy student.

VI. We recommend a special Educational Anniversary meeting at each Conference session.

C. W. Smith,
Joel F Smith,
W. Q. A. Graham,
Committee.

Whereas, many Charges have been receiving appropriations for several years from the Missionary Society to aid them in supporting the pastors, and whereas, we believe it a duty we owe to the people, to the suffering poor and to the Church, to leave the stronger charges without any appropriations from the Missionary Funds, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the stronger Charges be left without any Missionary appropriation. First, Because we believe

them able to support their pastors. Second, Because we want our people to be independent. Third, Because the Missionary Society is in debt and has thousands of calls to enter more needy and poorer fields.

Resolved, 2d. That we call upon all our people, and especially our official members, to see that each member of our Church contribute according to their ability, for the support of the Church.

Resolved, 3d. That our pastors are requested to preach one sermon during the year at most of our Churches on the sin of covetousness and see that our members who are fully able to support the Church, and do not, come to the help of the Church, or charge them and expell them for imprudent conduct.

Resolved, 4th. That our people are exhorted to "cease to do evil and learn to do well," and meet at their respective places of worship on November 22d, and humbly implore the Divine Father through the merits of Jesus' shed blood to give us such a revival and Church awakening as has never been known in our Conference.

E. J. WINKLER.

WHEREAS, We believe the time has past, when we should have organized an Historical Society in our Conference, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That said Society shall be organized and that the Annual Conference shall elect officers for said Society; and further, that said officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Assistant Secretaries as there are Presiding Elders' Districts, the Assistant Secretaries to be elected on the nominations of the Presiding Elders.

Resolved, 2d. That each traveling preacher shall be a member of said Society.

Resolved, 3d. That the object of the Societies shall be to gather the history of the life and labors of the preachers of the Blue Ridge Conference, and of the organization of the Conference, the different classes; also the history of our schools and such other matter as the officers shall require.

Resolved, 4th. That each pastor shall transmit to the As-

sistant Secretary of the District he may be on, such matter as the officers shall require.

Resolved, 5th. That the District Secretaries shall arrange all matter sent to them in suitable shape for the Secretary.

Resolved, 6th. That the work herein specified shall be commenced at an early date.

Resolved, 7th. That each pastor should contribute something for the inauguration of the work herein specified.

E. J. WINKLER.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

In the galaxy of soul graces, leading up to highest ideal character, as pictured by St. Peter, we are commanded to add to our "knowledge temperance," meaning complete soul domination over appetite and appetency of our lower nature, thus making our bodies fit temples of the Holy Ghost This conception of temperance, we would urge on the conscience of our people everywhere—every bodily appetite and passion in proper subjection to the Spiritual and Divine—temperate in our judgments, thoughts, words, opinions, actions among men.

Specifically, we would reiterate our utterances, on the damning, blighting effects of alcoholism throughout our nation, and heartily endorse the sentiments of our last General Conference: "Total abstinence from all intoxicants, as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alchholic drinks, as the duty of Civil Government."

Resolved. That we deplore the position our Government occupies in the eyes of the world with regard to the non-ratification of the Brussels Conference treaty, prohibiting the rum traffic in the Congo Free State, by which act on our part, the rum traffic in the valley of the Congo is carried on upon the sole responsibility of the Government of the United States alone.

Resolved. That we endorse the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and in every way in our power help it in its grand battle for God and Home and Native Land.

Resolved. That we will endeavor to create public sentiment on all our charges and educate young and old on the line of Total Abstinence, circulating pledges in all our Sunday schools.

Resolved. That we in no way become discouraged in our war against this giant foe. Knowing, that in the language of one, "it is a moral out-law, for which no institution, human or Divine, can furnish shelter." While we, its avoweds foes, are backed up by the all-conquering power of Righteousness.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. GAMBLE,
W. Q. A. GRAHAM.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby rendered with profound pleasure, to the citizens of Asheville, who have entertained us during our Conference session. Also, that we return thanks to the Press of Asheville, and to the Richmond and Danville Railroad, for courtesies extended to us.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM.

We have examined the accounts of the Auditor, and find them correct.

S. J JOHNSON, Chairman,
W. J. EVANS,
J. H. GILLESPIE.

WHEREAS, The Sunday School Union and Tract Societies are auxilliaries to the Church and are indispensible to the growth and purpetuity of our beloved Methodism, the Blue Ridge Conference has received great benefits from these societies in the years past, and it is our privilege to receive still greater blessings,

Resolved, 1. That we avail ourselves of the opportunities presented to us through these societies

Resolved, 2. That, whereas, we are asked to raise $35 for Sunday School Union, and $35 for Tract Society during the coming year, we will do our whole duty in this respect.

E. H REYNOLDS, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Church Extension

To the Blue Ridge Conference.—The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes general statement of the work of twenty-five years

The organization of this work, though directed by the General Conference of 1864, was not completed until the latter part of 1865, and the work really began in 1866, so that its first quarter of a century closes in this year of our Lord, 1891.

During this period the Board has collected and disbursed in round numbers, the exact figures change daily,			$4,250,000
Of this, the General Fund, derived chiefly from collections, but including special gifts for Frontier Churches, $250 each, and Mountain Fund specials of $100 each, contained a little less than two-thirds, for use by donations to churches, or		$2,750,000	
The Loan Fund contains a permanent capital of	$750,000		
And churches borrowing of it have returned an equal amount,	$750,000	$1,500,000	
Making the aggregate above given,			$4,250,000

With this the Board has aided 7,700 Churches, more than one-third of the entire number owned by our Church. Our Conference has shared in this work as follows:

The collections taken in our Churches from the beginning to the close of the session for 1890, have aggregated	$617.26
Those reported this year are	
Making a total of	
Churches within our bounds have received aid up to November 1st, 1890, the close of the last Church Extension year, to the number of	52
By donations of	$5,715
And loans of	2,690
Those receiving loans have returned	1,620
Leaving loans outstanding November 1st, 1890, of	$ 980

It is manifest that the efficiency and value of the Loan Fund depend upon the fidelity and promptness of Churches, borrowing from it, in meeting their obligations. To fail in this is a most serious fault, which the Board in Philadelphia, as the custodians of the Fund, should not, under any circumstances permit. We urge our Churches to meet every obligation with the strictest fidelity.

"Christianity in Earnest," being issued every two months, gives fresh and valuable information concerning Church Extension and suggestive discussions of this and kindred subjects. It is a great help to the pastors, and a larger circulation among our people, especially our official members, would promote the interest of this cause.

"Glad Tidings," with its service of song and condensed information, is pre-eminently adapted for a Church Extension service in every Church and Sunday School We cordially recommend its use in taking the Annual Collections

"Church Architecture" has been greatly improved under the auspices of the Board, and we earnestly advise all who contemplate building to avail themselves of the facilities which the Board has to offer.

In organizing new Churches, and in taking Titles to Church Property, there should be great care to conform to the aws of the State and the discipline of the Church. The necessary information is now accessible to all in the book on "Laws and Forms for Churches," prepared by the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. A. J. Kynett. This, and the necessary blank forms can be obtained of him.

We recommend for adoption the following Resolutions:

1. We congratulate the Church upon the great work accomplished by our Board of Church Extension, and commend it to the enlarged liberality of our people.

2. The fact that our country is new, that our population doubles in less than thirty years, so that within another quarter of a century we shall exceed an hundred millions of people, and that the powers of evil are intensely active, demand that the work of Church Extension shall be greatly enlarged in the quarter of a century to come.

3. And because our success in Church Building largely depends upon the aid we receive from the Board of Church Extension, and because we receive only in proportion to the amount raised by us, we will not be content until in the enlargement of this work under the direction of the General Conference, we shall fully perform the part assigned to us as a Conferenee.

4 That each pastor push vigorously Church Building and that we will use only the Plans furnished by the Board.

W. G. Matton,
A. J. Johnson.

Bible Cause.

We are glad to say we believe that a very large majority of our people are supplied with the Word of God, and re-

joice in the blessings that come to the people from the reading and study of the same; yet there are many homes that have not the Word of God in them, and there are many others where the Bible is not read and studied as it should be.

Resolved, therefore, that we as a Conference will do all that we can to supply the deficiency, and urge our people everywhere to read and study the Holy Scriptures in their homes more than they have done in the past; and that we, as pastors, will hold Bible readings at each of our appointments, and take a collection in every appointment for the Bible cause.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

We first desire to express our thanks to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society for the work it has done in the Blue Ridge Conference.

All the preachers of the Conference, we believe, are convinced that the success of the Methodist Episcopal Church depends largely on our Seminaries Our young people must have provision made for their education, at least, in the academic branches, if we are to hope for success We hope that the clergy and the laity of the Blue Ridge Conference will put forth greater efforts than ever before in the interest of our institutions of learning. Some of these institutions are in an embarrassed condition, particularly the Trap Hill Academy. Therefore,

Resolved, That the pastors make an earnest effort to raise every dollar of their apportionments

Resolved, That we ask the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society to give our schools more help.

Resolved, That the Conference ask the Corresponding Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society to give the principals of our Seminaries letters of recommendation, so that they can travel to secure funds.

J. H. GILLESPIE,
W. C. MATNEY,
C. H. CASSTEVENS,
Committee.

Resolved, That we request each preacher to take the collection for Conference Claimants during the First Quarter, and send the same to the Treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund, who shall forward a receipt for the same, which receipt shall serve as a voucher for the money at each Conference.

E. J. WINKLER.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, our people should be well informed in every possible way, and more especially in the works of our own Churches, and

Whereas, the Methodist Episcopal Church can supply every demand for such literature.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, will do all in our power to supply our people with books, papers, tracts, etc., and will recommend to our people the "New York Christian Advocate," the "Central Christian Advocate," and the "Methodist Advocate." And recommend to our Conference the adoption of the Blue Ridge "News" as our Local Conference paper, believing it will supply a long felt want.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. SMITH, Chairman,
J. B. TUCKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

We beg leave to submit the following report: We have been most credibly informed that Rev. J. F. Woodfin has for a considerable time been using his influence in a way detrimental to the prosperity of the M. E. Church, therefore,

We recommend that this Conference take such action as it may deem wise and prudent.

Respectfully,

J. R. CANNON,
T. W. BROWN,
E. J. WINKLER,
C. W. SMITH,
Committee.

Lay-Electoral Conference.

This Conference met on October 24th, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Prof. H. F. Ketron was elected Chairman, and J. Henry Tharp, Secretary.

A committee on Credentials was appointed.

There were eighteen charges represented by lay delegates: E M. Rhinehardt, J. H. Tharp, J. W. Gibbs, H. F. Ketron, E. C. Clark, John Arington, J. L. Bumgarner, J. B. White, L. K Moffitt, S M. Ford, J. K. Brinkley, P. M Warren, D. C. Locker, W. C. Hampton, J. S. Ledford, F. H. Craig, J. F. Privett, J. C. Pool.

After balloting four times, Judge J. E. Reed was declared elected delegate, and J. Baxter White was elected reserve delegate.

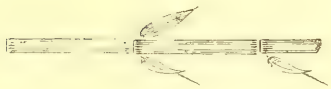
A. Graybeal, editor of the Blue Ridge "News" addressed the Conference in the interest of his paper.

Brother Brinkley asked for help in building a Church.

Benediction was pronounced by W. G. Matton.

H. F. Ketron,
President.

J. H. Tharp, Secretary.



Appointments.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. D. Roberson, P. E., Montezuma, N. C.

Asheville Station,	A. H. Gamble.
Asheville Circuit,	T. W. Matney.
Aaron Circuit,	J. M. Welborn.
Bakersville Station,	J. R. Cannon.
Bakersville Circuit,	W. C. Matney.
Boone,	R. N. Smith.
Burnsville,	S. D. Tipton.
Creston,	J. J. Rhyne.
Elk Park and Cranberry,	To be supplied.
Jefferson,	A. H. Peeples.
Madison Mission,	To be supplied.
Montezuma,	A. Graybeal.

G. W. Matney, and Roby Gragg left without appointment to attend school G. R. Rowan, Principal of Aaron Seminary, member of Montezuma Quarterly Conference.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

T. W. Brown, P. E., Clyde, N. C.

Boylston,	D. N. Matherson.
Bryson City,	J. H Gillespie.
Clyde,	W. A Ballew.
Culberson,	W. J. Evans.
Franklin,	Supplied by J. D Jones.
Hayesville,	A. Traylor.
Highlands,	D. N. Franklin.
Hendersonville and Skyland,	L. J. Penley.
Jonathan's Creek,	M. A. West.
Murphy,	William Franklin.
Leicester,	J. F. Matney.
Pisgah,	J. B. Tucker.
Sylvia,	To be supplied.

COAST DISTRICT.

W. Q. A. Graham, P. E., Marshallburg, N. C.

Bethlehem,	To be supplied.
Hatteras and Kinikut,	C. F. Casstevens.
Morehead City and Harker's Island.	N. M. Cooper.
Ocracoke	E. G. Nelson.
Onslow,	T. C. Croaker.
Roanoke Island,	To be supplied
Wildwood,	W. R. West.

W. Q. A. Graham, Principal of Graham Academy, member of Bethlehem Quarterly Conference.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

C. W. Smith, P E., Harmony, N. C.

Asbury Circuit,	R. A. F. Smith.
Eagle Mills,	J. H. Patterson.
Gastonia,	G. W. Bradley.
Marion,	E. H. Reynolds.
Mount Bethel,	D. A. Lanier.
Statesville Mission,	J. P. Brantley.
Stokes and Surry Mission,	To be supplied.
Trap Hill,	A J. Johnson and J. F. Smith.
Wilkesboro,	J. M. Heath
Yadkinville,	F. A. L. Clark.

J. F. Smith, President of Fairview College.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

E. J. Winkler. P. E, Greensboro, N. C.

Forsythe,	J. P. York.
Gold Hill,	S. A. Earnhardt.
Greensboro Mission,	To be supplied.
Huntersville,	D. S. Richardson.
Randleman,	J. L. Privett.
Robeson,	Supplied by A. Moore.
Troy,	H. D. Christenberry.
Troy Mission,	J. L. Dennis.
Winston,	J. S. Burnett.

W. G. Matton member of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

Your committee on the School of Theology beg leave to submit the following:

I. We recognize the significant importance of such an organization as an intellectual impetus and real help to all our Conference students.

II. We would request the appointment of a Central Committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, and Registrar, with the Presiding Elders of the Districts as Chairmen of the District Boards of Examiners, and Board of not less than three, to be appointed for each District; said Board to examine in all the courses of study, such students as may be on such District

III. The duty of the Central Committee will be to keep up a helpful, suggestive, and instructive correspondence with all the undergraduates during the year.

To prepare monthly examination papers to be sent regularly to the different Chairmen, who will examine the candidates on the completion of each tabulated study and send the result to the Registrar who will keep a careful record of the relative standing in each study, and if in any case the standing be not up to the required grades, such candidate shall have another chance on that study before the Conference session.

IV. The course of study shall be divided evenly among ten months of the year, a printed tabulated plan of which shall be prepared by the Central committee, as a uniform working basis, said plan to be sent to all examiners and undergraduates, not later than December 1st, of each year.

A. GAMBLE, Secretary of Com.

The following were appointed a Central Committee: A. H. Gamble, President; A. Graybeal, Vice-President; J. F. Smith, Registrar.

OBITUARY.

D. M. Clayton.

David Monterville Clayton was born in Henderson county, North Carolina, December 8th, 1846, and died in the same county September 19th, 1891.

When he was twelve years of age he felt deeply moved to embrace the Christian religion, but no one knew of his desires, and for want of friendly encouragement he drifted into the ways of the world and remained a stranger to saving grace until after he was grown.

He was one of the "seventeen-year-old boys" that were conscripted and forced into the late war and served as a Confederate soldier twelve months. He has often told his friends that while he was in the army he promised the Lord that if he would shield him from death and permit him to return to his loved ones, he would consecrate his heart and life to his service.

A kind Providence brought him home in the spring of 1865, and in the fall of the same year, while attending a camp-meeting at Shaw's Creek, he was convicted of unrighteousness under the preaching of T. J. Dawson and began to earnestly seek Christ, whom he found to his great joy a few months later while at a prayer meeting. Endeavoring to carry out his vow to the Lord while in the war, after his return he held family prayers, even before his conversion.

Soon after his conversion he was licensed to exhort, and a little later was licensed as a local preacher. He was ordained a local deacon at Knoxville, Tenn., in 1867, and supplied a circuit in McDowell county. He joined the Holston Conference in 1878. He served successfully as pastor of Catawba, Webster, Hendersonville, Bakersville, Leicester, and other circuits. His education in early life was almost entirely neglected, but after he had reached manhood, by his

STICS BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, 1891.

Membership.	Baptisms	Church Property.	Sunday Schools	Benevolent Collections.	Ministerial Support.
Number of Full Members.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Churches.	Probable Value.	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Building and Improving Parsonages and Churches.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Current Expenses. (Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Number of Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number Scholars of All Ages.	FOR MISSIONS. From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Benevolent Collections.
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85	27	2	4,500	1	600	1,245	20	350	30	2	19	190	8	2	10									85		
80	2	2	2,000			180		5	15	2	14	125	15	1	16									200		
66	50	2	700			100		50	10	2	12	150	10	2	12									85		
30	4	1	1,600						4	1	2	150	3	3	6									143		1
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25	2	3	800			100			5	1	3	120	2	5	7	2		1						127		
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42	1	1	500							1	2	150	6	1	7	1		1	1					73		
31	18	3	275			275				1	4	150	10	1	11	1	1	1	4	1				190	1	2
40	18	5	2,500			180				1	4	125	10	1	11	1	1	1	4	1				150		
60	15	5	3,200			200				1	4	150	12	1	13	1	1	1	4	1				69		1
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45	8	4	$12,100	1	$ 600	$ 796	$ 20	$ 405	$ 84	16	102	955	$ 46	$ 3	$ 49	$ 22	$ 3	$ 2	$ 21	$ 1	$	$	$	$ 706	$	$ 1
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NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Church Property.								Sunday Schools.			MIS
	Number of Probationers.	Number of Full Members.	Number of Local Preachers.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized.	Number of Churches.	Probable Value.	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Building and Improving Parsonages and Churches.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property,	Current Expenses, (Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Number of Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number Scholars of All Ages.	From Churches.
BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT—																		
Asheville	14	94	1	1	3		1	$ 8,500	1	$1,500	$	$	$	$ 50	1	8	123	$ 1
Asheville Circuit	42	203	2	2	8	8	5	2,000	1	300	400				4	20	175	
Aaron	10	130		4	5	4	1	800				80			2	10	90	
Bakersville	4	62		1	5	1	1	1,500			15			37	1	8	140	
Bakersville Circuit	57	207	1	4	12		3	2,500	1	250	200	8	40	5	5	16	250	
Boone	33	207	4				5	3,000										
Burnsville	11	100			10		1	650						25	2	14	100	
Creston	15	165	2		10	1	3	700			150				4	22	175	
Jefferson	30	270	4		6	10	5	3,000	1	400				10	4	20	200	
Linville	5	60	3	1	3	3	1	3,000					400		2	8	100	
Marion	33	203			2	18	2	1,500			100				1	4	70	
Skyland Springs	15	90		2	3	14	2	1,100										
	263	1731	17	15	67	59	30	$28,250	4	$2,450	$ 865	$ 88	$ 440	$127	26	130	1423	$
CLYDE DISTRICT—																		
Boylston	4	159	1			5	3	2,000			100				1	6	45	
Clyde	10	368	3	3	25	10	6	3,100	1	500	100	100	15	15	6	24	440	
Culberson	13	136	1	2	2	2	2	300	1	425	15	6	34		2	10	65	
Franklin	9	160	1	1	5	4	1	500	1	200	10	9	18		3	12	75	
Graham																		
Haysville	19	105			3		2	1,300	1	200	45			1	2	8	145	
Highlands	16	150	3				1	800							3	12	125	
Jonathan's Creek	9	81	1			6	1	1,000			150				4	20	272	
Leicester	25	285	2	2	1	3	4	2,500	1	300		120		10	4	15	300	
Murphy	9	78			9	4	1	500							2	6	60	
Pisgah	32	219			2	2	5	3,250	1	300	200				4	10	232	
Sylvia	8	90	1	2	8	10	2	600			150				3	10	125	
	152	1830	13	10	55	46	28	$15,850	6	$1,925	$ 770	$ 235	$ 67	$ 26	34	133	1890	$

STATISTICS BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, 1891.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Ministerial Support. PASTORS. Claims, including House Rent, or rental value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent, or rental value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned, Presiding Elders.	Paid, Presiding Elders.	Apportioned, Bishops.	Paid, Bishops.	Apportioned, Conference Claimants.	Paid, Conference Claimants.
BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT—										
Asheville	J. D. Roberson,	$ 750	$ 450	$ 300	40	20	1	1	2	2
Asheville Circuit	E. H. Reynolds,	262	162	100	25	21	1	1	2	2
Aaron	J. M. Welborn,	200	142	58	36	12				
Bakersville	A. H. Gamble,	200	200		30	24	1	1	2	2
Bakersville Circuit	W. C. Matney,	150	115	35	25	8			1	1
Boone	L. A. Rominger,									
Burnsville	S. D. Tipton,	150	50	100	12	6	1	1	1	1
Creston	J. J. Rhine,	100	60	40	20	15	1	1	1	1
Jefferson	J. F. Martin,	300	200	100	32	32	1	1	1	1
Linville City	A. G. Graybeal,	300	126	174	25	24	1			
Marion	R. N. Smith,	125	81	44	30	15	2	1	2	1
Skyland Springs	L. J. Penly,									
	Total,	$2,537	$1,586	$ 951	269	177	9	7	12	11
CLYDE DISTRICT—										
Boylston	D. N. Franklin,	200	100	100	20			1	1	1
Clyde	W. A. Ballew,	350	286	64	25	25	1			1
Culberson	W. J. Evans,	200	100	100	20	14	1		1	1
Franklin	D. M. Matherson,	125	70	54	10	7	1			
Graham	B. R. Sherrill,									
Haysville	A. H. Peeples,	150	100	50	15	15				
Highland	D. M. Clayton,				15	15	1			
Jonathan's Creek	M. A. West,	202	202		15	13			1	1
Leicester	T. W. Matney,	380	200	180	20	15				
Murphy	A. Traylor,	140	75	65	20	19	1		1	1
Pisgah	J. B. Tucker,	185	185		20	20	1	1	1	1
Sylvia	N. M. Cooper,	150	35	115	8	8				
	Total,	$2,082	$1,153	$ 728	188	151	6	2	5	6
COAST DISTRICT—										
Ashpole Mission	Aaron Moore,	35	35		12	12	1	1		
Bethlehem & Harker's Isl'd.	W. Q. A. Graham,	260	190	70	20	15	1			3
Hatteras and Kinnikeet	C. F. Casstevens,	130	123	7	40	25	1	1	1	1
Jacksonville	J. H. Gillespie,	25	10	15	10	5				
Morehead City										

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		Total Collections	Total Assessments	Total Deficiency	Total Membership	Total Probationers	Total Local Preachers	Total Stewards	Total Trustees
Coke	E. J. Nelson,	70	80		20	20	1	1	
Pate's	J. P. York,								
Swansboro	J. H. Gillespie,	50	15	35	15	10	1	1	
Wildwood	William Franklin,	75	60	15	12	12	1	1	
	Total,	$ 655	$ 513	$ 142	129	99	6	5	
STATESVILLE DISTRICT—									
Catawba	H. Verner,	80	45	35	12	11	1		
Clingman	J. H. Heath,	75	65	10	15	15			
Eagle Mills	J. H. Patterson,	202	183	17	15	16	1	1	1
Gastonia	J. S. Richardson,	261	151	110	25	25		1	1
Gold Hill	T. C. Croaker,	200	168	22	20	20	1	1	1
Huntersville	J. P. Brantley,	150	85	65	20	4	1		
Randleman	S. A. Earnhardt,	100	66	34	12	16	1	1	1
Statesville Mission	John Dennis,								
Stokes and Surry	A. J. Johnson,	75	35	40					
Trap Hill	D. A. Lanier,	240	120	120	10	10	1		
Troy	H. D. Christenberry,	350	304	46	30	30			
Wilkesboro	W. J. Wyatt,	100	35	65	10	10			
Winston	J. S. Burnett,	100	84	16	20	15	2		
Yadkinville	F. A. L. Clark,	182	105	81	20	17	1		
Total		$2,115	$1,443	$ 661	209	199	9	4	
Total Bakersville District		2,537	1,586	951	269	177	9	7	
" Clyde "		2,082	1,153	728	188	151	6		
" Coast "		655	513	142	129	99	6		
Grand Total		$7,289	$4,700	$2,482	796	606	30		

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Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Ministerial Support. PASTORS. House Rent, or Parsonages.	PASTORS. House Rent, or Parsonages.		Apportioned, Presiding Elders.	Paid, Presiding Elders.	Apportioned, Bishops.	Paid, Bishops.	Apportioned, Conference Claimants.	Paid, Conference Claimants.
					40	20	1	1	2	2
					25	21	1	1	2	2
					30	12				
					30	24	1	1	2	2
					25	8			1	1
					12	6	1	1	1	1
					20	15	1	1	1	1
					32	32	1	1	1	1
					25	24	1			
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					10	7	1			
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Coast District—										
Ashpole Mission	Aaron Moore,	35	35		12	12	1	1		
Bethlehem & Harker's Isl'd.	W. Q. A. Graham,	260	190	70	20	15	1			3
Hatteras and Kinnikeet	C. F. Casstevens,	130	123	7	40	25	1	1	1	1
Jacksonville	J. H. Gillespie,	25	10	15	10	5				
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BISHOP CYRUS D. FOSS.

A SKETCH.

CYRUS D. FOSS was born at Kingston, N. Y., January 17, 1834, was converted in 1852, and soon felt himself called to the Christian ministry. In 1854 he was graduated from Wesleyan University and became successively professor and principal of Amenia Seminary, which position he held for three years. In 1857 he entered the New York Conference and two years later was transferred to the New York, East. From this time he occupied leading pulpits in New York City and Brooklyn. In 1875 he was elected president of his *alma mater* and during his incumbency the University attained great prosperity. He was a member of the General Conferences of '72, '76 and '80, by the last of which he was made Bishop. Wesleyan University and Cornell College, respectively, gave him the degrees of D. D., and LL. D. In 1856 he married Miss Mary E. Bradley, who died Sept 7, '63. In 1865 he married Miss Amelia Robertson, of Peekskill, N. Y. His official residence is Philadelphia, Pa. Bishop Foss is confessedly one of the truly great men of the church.

An outline of his sermon, preached before the Conference, is given on another page.

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OFFICERS.

President—Cyrus D. Foss, Philadelphia, Pa.
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Treasurer—J. H. Gillespie.
To Nominate Standing Committees for next Year—The Presiding Elders.

COMMITTEES.

ON EXAMINATIONS.

For Admission—J. S. Burnett, W. C. Matney, T. C. Croker.
First Year—A. J. Johnson, A. H. Peeples, H. D. Christenbury.
Second Year—A. Graybeal, J. H. Patterson, W. J. Evans.
Third Year—J. H. Gillespie, F. A. L. Clark, T. W. Matney.
Fourth Year—A. H. Gamble, J. D. Roberson, W. Q. A. Graham.

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Secretary—A. Graybeal.
Treasurer—E. H. Reynolds.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—H. B. Christenbury; alternate, A. Grabeal.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

T. W. Matney, F. A. L. Clark, A. Graybeal,
A. J. Johnson, W. A. Ballew, A. H. Gamble,
J. H. Gillespie.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?

None.

2. Who are Admitted on Trial?

F. C. MacDuffee, J. H. Rominger, J. L. Stephenson, W. B. Beamon, D. S. George, W. S. Crowder, J. H. Hopkins.

3. Who Remain on Trial?

T. W. Bradley, J. L. Prevette, S. D. Tipton, T. C. Croker, A. Traylor, J. L. Dennis, R. A. Gragg, J. M. Heath, W. R. West.

4. Who are Discontinued?

Green W. Matney, G. R. Rowan.

5. Who are Admitted into Full Connection?

David A. Lanier.

6. Who are Re-admitted?

None.

7. Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?

G. W. Brown, from Methodist Protestant Church.

8 What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?

T. C. Croker, J. F. Prevette, were elected to Deacon's orders under Missionary Rule. W. R. West also as above.

9. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

T. C. Croker, J. F. Prevette, W. R. West.

10. What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?

G. R. Rowan.

11. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?
G. R. Rowan.

12. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?
J. P. York, L. A. Rominger, H. Verner, C. F. Casstevens, E G. Nelson, Joel F. Smith, J. J. Rhyne.

13. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?
D. M. Matheson, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, L. J. Penley, D. S. Richardson.

14. What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?
J. S. Burnett, W. J. Evans, J. H. Patterson, S. A. Earnhardt, R. N. Smith.

15. What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?
J. S. Burnett, W. J. Evans, J. H. Patterson, R. N. Smith, S. A. Earnhardt.

16. What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?
None.

17. What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?
None.

18. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
R. A. F. Smith, W.Rawlings, J. H. Heatherly, A.F.English, C. O. Jones, J. F. West, H. Verner, M. W. Broyles, D. N. Franklin, J. F. Smith.

19. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
W. G. Matton, J. W. Naylor.

20. Was the character of each Preacher examined?
It was.

21. Have any Died?
Wm. Franklin, W. F. Parker.

22. Have any been Transferred and to what Conferences?
None.

23. Have any Withdrawn?
J. B. Tucker.

24. Have any been Located at their own request?
J. P. Brantley, R. N. Smith, J. R. Cannon.

25. Have any been Located?
None.

26. Have any been permitted to Withdraw under charges or complaints?
None.

27. Have any been expelled?
None.

28. Who are selected to be the Triers of Appeals?
T. W. Matney, F. A. L. Clark, A. J. Johnson, W. A. Ballew, A. H. Gamble, J. H. Gillespie.

29. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?

See Statistical Report.

30. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report for this Conference year?

See Report of Treasurer.

31. What are Claims on the Conference Fund?

See Report of Stewards.

32. What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?

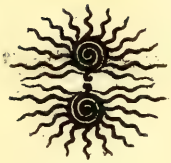
See Report of Conference Stewards.

33. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See Appointments.

34. Where shall the next Conference be held?

Daisy, Forsythe County, North Carolina, near Winston.



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Bakersville,.....F. C. MacDuffee.
Bakersville Circuit,.....S. D. Tipton.
Boone,.....J. J. Rhyne.
Burnsville,.....R. A. Gragg.
Creston,.....J. P. York.
Elk Park and Cranberry,.....To be supplied.
Jefferson,.....To be supplied by L. A. Rominger.
Marshall,.....E. H. Reynolds.
Montezuma,.....W. C. Matney.
Montezuma Circuit,.....To be supplied.
Spruce Pine,.....J. H. Rominger

CLYDE DISTRICT.

T. W. BROWN, P. E.

(Clyde, N. C.)

Boylston,.....L. J. Penley.
Bryson City,.....J. H. Gillespie.
Clyde,.....D. S. Richardson.
Culberson,.....W. J. Evans.
Franklin,.....To be supplied.
Glenville,.....F. M. Presley.
Haysville,.....To be supplied.
Hendersonville,.....D. M. Matheson, postoffice Dana.
Highlands,.....To be supplied.
Jonathan's Creek,.....A. Traylor.
Leicester,.....J. F. Matney.
Murphy,.....M. A. West.
Pisgah,.....W. A. Ballew.

COAST DISTRICT.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, P. E.

(Marshallberg, N. C.)

Avon,.....E. G. Nelson.
Beaufort and Morehead City,.....To be supplied.
Bethlehem,.....A. Graybeal.
Harker's Island,.....U. S. Crowder.
Hatteras and Ocracoke,.....C. F. Casstevens.
Swansboro Circuit,.....T. C. Croker.
Wildwood,.....W. R. West.

W. Q. A. Graham and A. Graybeal, President and Professor in Graham Academy, members of Bethlehem Quarterly Conference.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

E. J. WINKLER, P. E.

(Centre, N. C.)

Belfast Circuit,.....J. F. Prevette.
Centre Circuit,.....To be supplied.
Eagle Spring.....J. H. Hopkins.
El Dorado,.....J. L. Dennis.
Forsythe,.....N. M. Cooper, postoffice Winston.
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Huntersville,.....H. D. Christenbury.
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1882 Jan. 19-23.	Asheville,	" Foster,	W. G. Matton.
1883 Jan. 24-29.	Gastonia,	" Merrill,	W. G. Matton.
1884 Jan. 30 Feb. 4.	Asheville,	" Bowman,	J.D. Roberson.
1885 Oct. 1-5.	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford.
1886 Oct. 7-11.	Smith'sChapel,	" Walden,	W. T. Ford.
1887 Oct. 19-23.	New Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	W.Q.A.Graham
1888 Oct. 18-22.	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	W.Q.A.Graham
1889 Oct. 17-21.	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson
1890 Oct. 16-20.	Clyde,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson
1891 Oct. 21-25.	Asheville,	" Warren,	A. Graybeal.
1892 Oct. 13-16.	Poindexter,	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble.

THE DAILY JOURNAL.

Blue Ridge Conference, 14th Session, convened at New Home Chapel, Yadkin County, N. C., October 13th, 1892, Thursday at 3 P. M.

Bishop C. D. Foss opened the session by reading Scripture selections: Is. 60th chapter, and II Tim. 2nd chapter. After which hymn 798 was sung. Rev. J. D. Roberson offered prayer.

Bishop addressed the Conference on the "Distinctive Mission of Methodism."

Roll-call ordered. A. Graybeal, the last Conference Secretary, called the roll. The following answered to their names: Brown, T. W., Burnett, J. S., Cannon, J. R., Cassteevens, C. F., Cooper, N. M., Clark, F. A. L., Evans, W. J., Earnhardt, S. A., Gillespie, J. H., Graham, W. Q. A., Graybeal, A., Gamble, A. H., Johnson, A. J., Matney, T. W., Matney, J. F., Matney, W. C., Matheson, D. M., Nelson, E. G., Peeples, A. H., Patterson, J. H., Rhyne, J. J., Reynolds, E. H., Roberson, J. D., Rominger, L. A., Smith, C. W., Smith, R. N., Tucker, J. B., Winkler, E. J., York, J. P., Prob. Heath, J. M., West, W. R., Rowan, G. R., Dennis, J. L., Bradley, F. W., Lanier, D. A., Gragg, R. A.

Twenty-nine members present, twenty absent Two died. Seven probationers present, three absent.

A. H. Gamble was elected Secretary; Assistants, A. Graybeal and F. C. MacDuffee. J. R. Cannon and J. S. Burnett were elected Statistical Secretaries. J. H. Gillespie was elected Conference Treasurer. Bar of Conference fixed.

On motion the Presiding Elders were elected a committee to nominate standing committees. J. S. Burnett was elected to collect New York Book accounts. E. H. Reynolds read a paper on the subject of Conference Claimants. See paper, which was adopted.

A. Graybeal, T. W. Matney and D. N. Matherson were appointed committee to draft plan for Conference Relief Fund.

The Bishop reported $25 for Conference from chartered fund. Draft ordered for the benefit of Conference Claimants.

Bishop reported $450 from Book Concern. Draft ordered for same purpose.

On motion the Presiding Elders were instructed to distri-

bute the Episcopal fund, $86, to be raised by this Conference, among the various districts and charges, and all other disciplinary apportionments.

The 20th question called.

The Bakersville District called: J. D. Roberson, P. E., character passed. Report not ready.

Clyde District called: T. W. Brown, P. E., character passed. Reported District work. See report.

On motion voted that pastors report each collection.

Effective Elders Clyde District called: W. A. Ballew character passed. Being absent his Presiding Elder gave his report. J. H. Gillespie called: character passed. Report rendered by Presiding Elder. D. N. Franklin called: character passed. Report rendered by Presiding Elder.

Coast District called: W. Q. A. Graham, P. E., character passed. Report rendered. See report. N. M. Cooper called: character passed. Report rendered.

On motion Statistical Secretary called pastors by charges to pass in their Statistical Reports. Conference ordered that all remaining Statistical Reports be in by 9 o'clock Friday morning.

A. H. Gamble requested pastors to fill out a blank furnished each for historical pastoral record for insertion in journal.

Voted to adjourn till 9 o'clock in the morning, half hour to be spent in devotional service preceding Conference session.

Doxology sung. Bishop dismissed with benediction.

EVENING SERVICE.

Following singing of several selections, prayer offered by A. H. Gamble. J. R. Cannon read Scripture lesson, II Peter 2nd chapter, and followed with sermon from text II Peter 1-9. Topic "Spiritual Nearsightedness." Main points dwelt on: necessity for knowledge of God, truth, self, duty. Several requested prayers. W. Q. A. Graham offered closing prayer. Doxology sung and benediction pronounced.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises half hour, conducted by Bishop. Bro. J. F. Matney reading the Scripture lesson, 23rd Psalm.

Minutes of the preceding session were read by the Secretary. Corrections made and minutes approved.

Roll of absentees called.

Statistical Secretary called roll of charges for reports not yet in.

Presiding Elders reported Standing Committees as follows:

Public Worship—Presiding Elder and preacher in charge.

Conference Relations—Presiding Elders.

Auditing Committee—J. R. Cannon, J. H. Gillespie, C. F. Casstevens, A. J. Johnson, J. S. Burnett.

Temperance—D. M. Matheson, E. G. Nelson, J. P. York.

Sunday-school, Tracts, and Epworth League—W. C. Matney, J. F. Matney.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education—W. Q. A. Graham, G. R. Rowan, J. F. Matney, J. S. Burnett, F. W. Bradley.

Bible Cause—J. F. Matney, J. M. Heath, T. W. Matney.

Church Literature—J. S. Burnett, A. Graybeal, E. J. Winkler.

Memoirs—J. S. Gillespie, T. W. Matney, J. P. York.

Conference Stewards—A. H. Peeples, J. F. Matney, J. L. Dennis.

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Missions—Presiding Elders.

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Sabbath Observance—G. R. Rowan, A. H. Peeples.

Church Extension—J. D. Roberson, C. W. Smith, F. A. L. Clark.

Publication of Minutes—A. H. Gamble, A. Graybeal.

Twentieth question resumed: J. D. Roberson made his report of Bakersville District. Effective Elders called, characters passed, and reports rendered; A. H. Gamble, A. H Peeples, J. R. Cannon, T. W. Matney, A. Graybeal.

On motion, J. S. Burnett was made Assistant Treasurer.

E. J. Winkler, P. E. of Greensboro District, was called and reported his work. See report. H. D. Christenbury called and character passed, and report made. E. H. Reynolds called and character passed, and report presented.

C. W. Smith, P. E. of Statesville District, called, character passed, and report rendered. F. A. L. Clark, A. J. Johnson, effective Elders, called, characters passed and reports rendered.

Fourteenth question taken up. J. S. Burnett, W. J. Evans, J. H. Patterson, S. A. Earnhardt, R. N. Smith were called, characters passed, reports presented, and having passed in their necessary examinations, were elected to Elders orders.

D. S. Richardson called, character passed, report presented, continued a traveling deacon of the 2nd class. William Franklin died in the faith at the post of duty.

Thirteenth question taken up. D. M. Matheson, J. F. Matney were called, characters passed, reports presented and having passed necessary examinations were advanced to deacons of 2nd class.

R. A. F. Smith was granted a Supernumerary relation. J. P. Brantley character passed, granted a certificate of location at his own request.

J. P. York, H. Vernor, C. F. Casstevens, characters passed, reports presented, and were continued traveling deacons of first class. L. H. Rominger character passed, made effective and continued a traveling deacon of the first class. J. B. Tucker called and character passed, and Conference voted on his request to grant a certificate of withdrawal from ministry and membership of church.

E. G. Nelson, J. F. Smith called, characters passed, reports made by Nelson, continued traveling deacons of the first class. J. F. Smith, having gone to Oklahoma, did not present report.

J. J. Rhyne, W. C. Matney called, characters passed, reports presented.

On motion, Central Committee of School of Theology was appointed to examine all under-graduates who desired, and had not yet received examinations.

The fifth question taken up.

The following were called in class for admission to full connection to Conference: S. D. Tipton, G. W. Matney, R. A. Gragg, A. Traylor, M. A. West, J. M. Heath, David A. Lanier. S. D. Tipton, G. W. Matney, M. A. West, A. Traylor were absent. R. A. Gragg, Wm. R. West, D. A. Lanier charaters passed, reports presented. D. A. Lanier, having passed the necessary examinations, was called forward, and after singing "A charge to keep I have," Bishop offered prayer and made an address on "The successful Ministry."

The Secretary then called the standing committees.

On motion, Epworth League was added to the committee on Sunday-schools and Tracts. Reference was then made to books for sale by W. L. Palmer.

Doxology was then sung and benediction was pronounced by Bishop.

EVENING MEETING.

After several selections were sung, and the Scripture lesson, Matt. 25, 31-46 was read. Brother C. F. Casstevens offered prayer. Brother W. Q. A. Graham preached a very powerful sermon from Matt. 25, 47, and presented the subject of future punishment in a very able manner. The five senses were considered as the avenues through which punishment came to mankind, both in this world and the world to come. The Spirit was present in great power during the service, and several expressed a desire to become christians.

The benediction was pronounced by Brother Graham.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

The devotional service conducted by the Bishop for half hour preceding business session.

The minutes of the previous session read and after the necessary corrections approved.

Mr. Dorman, representing the Western Book Concern, was introduced and spoke briefly regarding the settlement of the accounts of the brethren.

J. H. Gillespie, Conference Treasurer, distributed the receipts for Benevolent Collections to the different pastors.

W. Q. A. Graham read a paper regarding the World's Fair Columbian Exposition, requesting that it be signed by the Bishop and Secretary, and forwarded to the proper committee. It was so ordered, and the paper sent.

D. A. Lanier was received into full connection. For local deacon's orders name of G. R Rowan called. By Conference action last year he was elected to deacon's orders, but was not ordained. Bishop stated that he would be elligible for orders this year.

Third Question taken up. F. W. Bradley, J. L. Prevette, J. L. Dennis, S. D. Tipton, R. A. Gragg, J. M. Heath, T. C. Croker, A. Traylor, W. R. West, continued on trial in second year's studies. G. R. Rowan character passed, continued in studies of first year. J. L. Dennis character passed, collections reported. T. C. Croker, J. F. Prevette, W. R. West characters passed, collections reported, and elected to deacon's orders under the Missionary rule. Green W. Matney, having gone to Oklahoma and being employed in work there was discontinued in this Conference.

Thirteenth question resumed. J. J. Rhyne continued a traveling deacon of the first class. W. C. Matney having

passed his examinations, was advanced to traveling deacon of the second class. L. J. Penley character passed, report rendered by his presiding elder, examinations being satisfactory was advanced to traveling deacon of the second class. J. M. Current was recommended for local deacons orders, but did not pass his examinations. The character of E. J. Winkler was passed.

Eighteenth question taken up. J. H. Heatherly, C. O. Jones, J. F. West, H. Verner, A. F. English, M. W. Broyles characters passed and continued on supernumerary list.

Wm. Rawlings continued on supernumerary list, but Conference voted that he be notified, if he continues to live outside the bounds of the Conference, he ask for a transfer.

L. A. Rominger granted a certificate of location.

W. F. Parker, supernumerary, died in the faith.

D. N. Franklin granted a supernumerary relation.

Nineteeth question taken up. J. W. Naylor and W. G. Matton were continued on the superannuated list.

Class for admission for traveling connection, F. C. MacDuffee, J. H. Rominger, D. S. George, J. L. Stephenson, U. S. Crowder, W. B. Beamon, J. H. Hopkins, being represented by their Presiding Elders, having passed their examinations, were received on trial, and introduced to the Conference.

Thirty-fourth question taken up. Voted that the next Conference be held at Daisy, N. C., Forsythe county, Mount Pleasant Chapel.

Reports of standing committees called.

Auditing Committee, J. R. Cannon chairman, report read and adopted. See report.

Temperance Committee, D. M. Matheson chairman, reported. After warm discussion, and the introduction of four amendment clauses, offered respectively by J. R. Cannon, W. Q. A. Graham, and A. H. Gamble, the report was adopted. See report.

Sunday-schools, Tracts, and Epworth League, W. C. Matney chairman, reported. Report adopted. See report.

J. M. Matthews and E. G. Pusy, of M. E. Church, South, were introduced. W. W. Wooten, of Friend's Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Voted that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Voted that we have a memorial service at 3 P. M. on Sunday, when the ordination of elders will take place.

Doxology was then sung and the Bishop dismissed with benediction.

AFTERNOON MEETING 2 P. M.

A. Graybeal conducted service, preaching from Rev. 1-10. Subject: "John on Patmos." Outline of sermon: 1st. The Christian never alone. 2nd. Christ in his church. 3rd. Christ walking with his church.

EVENING MEETING.

This service was conducted by J. D. Roberson, Presiding Elder of Bakersville District, who preached from Is. 40-31. Introductory remarks: 1st. Christianity brings strength, morally. 2nd. Intellectually. 3rd. Spiritually. II. Waiting on God: literally means "twine about God." "On eagle wings of christian faith we can always keep above the storm clouds."

After the sermon Dr. Davidson, representing the Sunday-school Union, was introduced, who spoke for ten minutes on the work of the Sunday-school. During the past year 128,000 conversions have taken place in the Sunday-school. 3,000 schools have been helped by the Union, and $134 have come into the Blue Ridge Conference. After singing the doxology the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Davidson.

FOURTH DAY—SUNDAY—Morning Service.

At 10 o'clock a Love Feast was conducted by A. H. Gamble for a half hour. During the half hour 29 testified verbally and about 200 by rising to their feet. At 10.30 Bishop C. D. Foss read Scripture lesson: Romans 8-24 to end of chapter; after which he preached from the 32nd verse of the lesson. After the sermon the following were ordained deacons: G. R. Rowan, J. L. Prevette, T. C. Croker and W. R. West. Doxology was then sung and the service closed with benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON MEETING—MEMORIAL SERVICE.

After singing suitable selections, prayer was offered by Bro. J. F. Matney. J. H. Gillespie then read the obituary of William Franklin, and J. D. Roberson read the memorial paper of W. F. Parker. See memoirs.

Following the papers, brief remarks were made by W. Q. A Graham and J. D. Roberson.

The following elders were then ordained by Bishop Foss: J. S. Burnett, W. J. Evans, R. N. Smith, J. H. Patterson, S. A. Earnhardt.

Doxology was then sung and benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

EVENING MEETING.

The service was opened at 7 P. M. by singing, and prayer by J. R. Cannon. Dr. W. L. Davidson then preached from II Cor. 4:17. Topic: "The Ministry of Suffering." After brief exegesis of the text, he spoke on, 1st. Suffering as an element in our perfection. 2nd. As an element in our enjoyment. After the sermon a collection was taken for Conference Secretary's expenses. Meeting closed with prayer by D. N. Matheson. Doxology sung, and benediction pronounced by Dr. Davidson.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Bishop being in cabinet session, he requested the Secretary, A. H. Gamble to take the chair. Conference opened with Scripture reading and prayer. Reports of standing committees called for.

Report on Conference Claimants read by A. Graybeal chairman. Report adopted. See report.

Report on Church Literature read by A. Graybeal. Adopted. See report.

A. J. Johnson presented report on Conference Records. Report adopted. See report.

J. F. Matney read report on Bible Cause. Adopted. See report.

Report on the State of the Church, E. J. Winkler chairman, was read, and after amendment was adopted. See report.

T. W. Brown, of Clyde District, took the chair at the request of the Bishop.

A. H. Peeples read report of Conference Stewards. Adopted. See report.

On motion of J. S. Burnett an appropriation was made for paying Wm. Franklin's book accounts, amounting to $41.75.

On motion, the plan of last two years was adopted for raising funds for publishing Conference Minutes.

A. J. Johnson offered a resolution concerning an appropriation of $25 for R. A. F. Smith. Adopted.

On motion, the following officers were elected in the organization of a Conference Epworth League: President, A. H. Gamble; First Vice, W. Q. A. Graham; Second Vice, C. W. Smith; Third Vice, J. D. Roberson; Fourth Vice, E. J. Winkler; Secretary, A. Graybeal; Treasurer, E. H. Reynolds.

At this stage the Bishop came in and took the chair.

Secretary read minutes of previous session. After corrections, approved.

On motion of C. W. Smith, elder's ordination papers of G. W. Brown were recognized, he coming to us from the Meth. Prot. Church.

G. R. Rowan discontinued from this Conference at his own request.

J. F. Smith, who has gone to Oklahoma, was placed on Supernumerary list.

R. N. Smith and J. R. Cannon were granted certificates of location at their own request.

On motion, report of Committee on Memoirs was adopted.

Voted to reconsider plan of examinations of undergraduates in the Conference. Voted that the examinations be held quarterly; by correspondence, if necessary, and that a final examination be held at the Annual Conference, a committee being appointed for each class; such final examination to be held one day before the opening session of the Conference.

Statistical Secretary read his report. Adopted. See report.

J. H. Gillespie, Conference Treasurer, read his report. Adopted. See report.

W. Q. A. Graham read the report on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. Adopted. See report.

Voted that the report on Conference Claimants be reconsidered. Motion made to strike out the paragraph relating to the payment of $5 per annum by each member. Carried and report adopted.

On motion of J. R. Cannon balance of $197.21 in Conference Steward's hands, was ordered to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund, to be invested by him on good security.

Voted, on motion of W. Q. A. Graham, that an itemized account be provided the Secretary of the Conference by the Treasurer of Conference Relief Fund, for insertion in the minutes.

Voted that E. J. Winkler be elected President of the Conference Historical Society.

Bishop read list of nominations of Standing Committees made by the Presiding Elders. On motion they were confirmed.

J. D. Roberson read the list of examiners for the different classes in the Conference course of study. Confirmed by Conference.

Bishop read the report of Presiding Elders on Missionary Appropriations. Adopted. See report.

Resolution of thanks for entertainment was offered by A. Graybeal. Adopted by standing vote.

Voted to instruct the Secretary to pay not over $1.25 per page for publication of minutes.

Voted that roll be called for contributions for publication of Conference minutes.

A resolution of appreciation and thanks was offered by J. S. Burnett in behalf of the work of the Bishop and Conference Secretaries. Adopted by standing vote.

Minutes of the session were read and approved.

On motion of J. R. Cannon the Conference adjourned, *sine die*, after the reading of the appointments by the Bishop.

Appointments were read, doxology sung, and benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

C. D. FOSS,
PRESIDENT.

A. H. GAMBLE,
Secretary.

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Asheville, N. C., Nov. 29, 1892.

HISTORICAL.

On the 3rd of January, 1867. The Virginia and North Carolina Conference was organized at Portsmouth, Va., by Bishop Levi Scott, at which seven preachers were appointed to the North Carolina District, viz:

Dr. J. S. Mitchell, Presiding Elder.

W. G. Matton,	Wm. Rawlings,	J H Postell.
J. W. Naylor,	H. A. T. Harris,	J. P. Miller.

In 1868 the General Conference ordered the formation of two Conferences out of that territory, fixing the boundaries so that "North Carolina Conference should include the State of North Carolina, excepting the ten counties west of Wautaga county and the Blue Ridge."

The first session of the new conference was held at Union Chapel, Alexander county, N. C., by Bishop Ames, and twelve preachers received appointments.

The work was actively pushed among the whites, and many were found who claimed to have united with the Methodist Episcopal Church previous to 1845, and to have had no knowledge of a seperation of the Churches; and one, at least, absolutely refused to be enrolled on the Class-book of the new Church. He was recognized by us as a member and not received as others were.

Many colored Methodists were also found, who were as sheep without a shepherd. The churches which had cared for them in the past having generally left them to drift. Considerable numbers of them were gathered into societies, and as preachers were found, and some raised up among them, circuits and districts were formed entirely of colored ministers and members.

Our persistance in this Christ-like work subjected both preachers, and people, to much misrepresentation, and no little persecution; but the work was owned of God, and prospered.

In 1879, by authority of the General Conference at Greensboro, the work was again divided by mutual consent, and the "Southern Central Conference," was formed by Bishop Peck, comprising the Greensboro and Eastern Districts, the first session being fixed to be held at Concord; where on

January 28th, 1880, the new Conference convened in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, (which was kindly tendered by the officiary) Bishop Simpson presiding. Nine preachers were present. Three districts were formed, viz: Blue Ridge, Greensboro, and Eastern district, and J. M. Welborn, W. G. Matton, and W. Rawlings were appointed to them respectively. The membership reported was, including probationers, 2,596. Church property $18,700. Benevolent collections $93.69.

We had appointed a commission, to meet a similar one from the Holston Conference (which we requested them to appoint) for the purpose of re-adjusting our boundaries so as to include the whole State of North Carolina in our Conference. As they had treated our overtures with silent contempt, we prepared a petition to the ensuing General Conference on the subject, and after patient attendance on the Committee on Boundaries by our delegates, and an application for change of name, the Conference was entered on the list as "No. 5. Blue Ridge Conference shall include the State of North Carolina."

The added territory came to us in October, 1880, and with it several brethren, one of whom was appointed Presiding Elder, but did not accept the appointment, and the work was suffered to drift until the first session of the Blue Ridge Conference, which was held at Leicester, in our own church. Bishop Warren presided. In consequence of very stormy weather and almost impassable roads, the attendance of preachers was very small, and but for the information furnished by Brother Fanning, one of the pioneers of the Holston Conference, the planing of the work would have been extremely difficult. The work was divided into the Asheville, Blue Ridge, Greensboro, and Eastern Districts.

The subject of Prohibition was much agitated, and the Conference petitioned the Legislature to pass a Prohibitory law, pledging themselves to advocate its adoption by the people.

The consequent efforts by the preachers, although not resulting in the adoption of the Prohibitory Act, was a leavening influence that has since worked, until the public sentiment of the State has grown in favor of the suppression of the abominable traffic.

But few churches, exclusively the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were on the Asheville district; it having been the practice to build so-called Union Churches, and to hold Union Sunday-schools, in which other denomi-

nations had equal interest, and very often unequal control.

At the next session of the Conference, held at Asheville, Bishop Foster presided, and stated that he had decided to put the white work in the South Carolina Conference under our charge and announced the transfer of W. F. Parker and W. T. Ford from the South Carolina to this Conference. The Eastern District was merged in the Greensboro District, and the work in South Carolina added to the Asheville District. The members reported were 4,831, including probationers. The benevolent collections were but $70.10. The number of churches had increased to 79, and their value to $37,600, to which the timely aid of the Board of Church Extension had largely contributed. A church was built at Asheville which was unfortunately located, and did not prove a success or attract a congregation, even to hear our senior Bishop, although crowds flocked to hear him in the Church South. Since, another church has been built and recently improved and appears to promise better things.

Amid all our trials and discouragements we have not lacked many tokens of the Divine approval and have seen many precious souls come out of darkness into the light and liberty of God's dear children.

In 1884 the General Conference changed our boundaries so that it now reads: "Blue Ridge Conference shall include the work among the white people in the State of North Carolina, also the Croatan Indians." Since which time a preacher has been regularly sent and has labored among them with some success.

W. G. Matton.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

EFFECTIVE MEMBERS.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.
Brown, T. W	Clyde, N. C
Ballew, W. A	Acton, "
Burnett, J. S	Daisy, "
Casstevens, C. F	Hatteras, "
Cooper, N. M	Winston, "
Clark, F. A. L	Hamtonville, "
Christenbury, H. D	Huntersville, "
Evans, W. J	Culberson, "
Earnhardt, S. A	Gladstone, "
Gillespie, J. H	Whittier, "
Graham, W. Q. A	Marshallburg, "
Graybeal, A	Marshallburg, "
Gamble, A. H	Asheville, "
Johnson, A. J	Trap Hill. "
Lanier, D. A	Catawba, "
Matney, T. W	Riceville, "
Matney, J. F	Leicester, "
Matney, W. C	Montezuma, "
Matheson, D. M	Hendersonville, "
Nelson, E. G	Avon, "
Tipton, S. D	Red Hill, "
Penley, L. J	Boylston, "
Presley, F. M	Glenville, "
Peeples, A. H	Marion, "
Patterson, J. H	East Bend, "
Richardson, D. S	Clyde, "
Rhyne, J. J	Banner Elk, "
Reynolds, E. H	Asheville, "
Roberson, J. D	Montezuma, "
Smith, C. W	Harmony, "
Winkler, E. J	Greensboro, "
York, J. P	Creston, "

PROBATIONERS.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	
Bradley, F. W.	Gastonia,	N. C.
Beamon, W. B.	El Dorado,	"
Croker, T. C.	Swansboro,	"
Crowder, U. S.	Harker's Island,	"
Dennis, J. L.	El Dorado,	"
George, D. S.	Zion,	"
Gragg, R. A.	Athlone,	"
Hopkins, J. H.	Eagle Springs,	"
Heath, J. M.	Wilkesboro,	"
MacDuffee, F. C.	Bakersville,	"
Prevette, J. L.	Belfast,	"
Rominger, J. H.	Montezuma,	"
Stephenson, J. L.	Troutman's,	"
Traylor, A.	Jonathan's Creek,	"
West, W. R.	Wildwood,	"

SUPERNUMERARY.

Broyles, M. W.	Alto,	"
English, A. F.	Brevard,	"
Franklin, D. N.	Highlands,	"
Heatherly, J. H.		"
Jones, C. O.	Cleveland,	Tenn.
Rawlings, W.	Waymart,	Pa.
Smith, J. F.		
Verner, H.	Settle,	N. C.
West, J. F.	Spartanburg,	S. C.

SUPERANNUATED.

Matton, W. G.	High Point,	N. C.
Naylor, J. W.	Bagley,	Iowa.

LOCATED.

Brantley, J. P.	Perth,	N. C.
Cannon, J. R.	Gaffney City,	S. C.
Henderson, G. L.		
Lindsay, J. B.		
Rominger, L. A.	Montezuma,	N. C.
Smith, R. N.	Oklahoma.	

OUTLINE OF SERMON

Preached by Bishop Foss, at the Session of the Blue Ridge Conference, held in New Home Chapel, Poindexter, N. C., Oct. 16th, 1892.

TEXT: Romans VIII. 32.

FIRST: God delivering up His Son.

SECOND: Motive God had to spare His Son.

THIRD: Irresistible argument why God did not spare His Son.

I. God delivering up His Son.
- (1) To what?
  - (a) Humiliation.
  - (b) Poverty.
  - (c) Awful duelling with the Powers of darkness.
  - (d) To the wonderful mystery of suffering by Divine chastisement.
- (2) For what?
  - (a) "For us all." . . Not for angels. . Not for devils. . They never had any redemption. . (But "For Us!"

II. Motive God had to spare His Son.
- (1) God saw in Jesus Christ a perfectly righteous man loaded down with awful injustice.
- (2) God saw in Jesus Christ His *only* Son.
- (3) God saw in Jesus Christ an humble suppliant for sparing Grace.

III. Irresistible argument why God did not spare His Son.
From
- (1) It's bearing upon God.
  - (a) He has given us the best thing He had.
- (2) It's bearing upon Christ.
  - (a) Set forth in His valedictory address and sacrificial prayer of John xiv-xvii chap. in which He has given an anodyne for every ill or sorrow of earth.
- (3) It's bearing upon us.
  - (a) "Freely give us all things". . Flood-gates of heaven open. . No power of men or devils able to bar them.
  - (b) Seventh chapter of Romans a magnificent place to get out of. . While the eighth chapter is a grand place to sing and live in.

Gives us: (a) Pardon. . (b) Peace. . (c) Maintenace in divine life. . (d) Glories which Christ has prepared for his children.

REPORTS.

CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your committee have examined the records of the various Districts, and find Clyde and Statesville Districts with Record Books properly kept. The Greensboro and Bakersville Districts have their Book and Minute Business recorded in manuscript. Coast District is unorganized.

A. J. JOHNSON, Chairman.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

This District includes seven counties, is about 150 miles in length and varies in width from 50 to 100 miles. The territory is of a mountainous character, including eight rivers, and numerous smaller streams in its bounds. In winter it is a hard and difficult field to travel. I have failed to be present at three of the Quarterly Meetings during the year. The congregations at our services all over the District have been large and the occasions seasons of spiritual profit. The work has made fair progress on all lines of christian endeavor. I have made especial effort during the year to secure for our pastors a better support. The preachers cannot do their best work when oppressed and burdened for want of a support. The subject of a comfortable support for the preachers is the most serious and important that confronts us in the Conference at the present time. On this hinges largely the measure of our success. The preachers toil hard to "make brick without straw." The people are slow to get a correct idea of New Testament liberality; but the horizon slowly brightens.

The preachers have all done honest and faithful work, that has been attended with a fair measure of success.

To report the work more in detail, I would call attention to the various charges by name.

Aaron Circuit is in the east end of Mitchell county. J. M. Welborn supplied this charge during the first half of the year; since he left A. Graybeal has had charge. Good work

has been done. One new church, Hunter's Chapel, has been finished and is now ready for dedication. Another excellent building at Lineback is nearing completion.

Asheville Station is one of our most important appointments. A. H. Gamble has been pastor. The church and parsonage property has been greatly improved at an expense of more than two thousand dollars. The Sunday-school and Epworth League are in prosperous condition.

Asheville Circuit, T. W. Matney pastor, is adjacent to Asheville, and its importance demands careful attention. Bro. Matney, who was our delegate to the last General Conference, has done a faithful and successful year's work. He has been eminently successful in the distribution of church literature and the improvement of the Sunday-schools.

Bakersville Station has had for its pastor J. R. Cannon. He has done honest and hard work; is a good preacher and pleasant pastor. He has kept things moving.

Bakersville Circuit has had for its pastor W. C. Matney. This is his third prosperous year on that work. The charge has been greatly strengthened under his pastorate. A splendid church was dedicated at Red Hill in August last.

Burnsville Circuit, S. D. Tipton pastor, has made only moderate progress. The pastor has been hindered in his work by circumstances over which he had no control.

Boone Circuit has had the young and vigorous pastor, R. N. Smith, to aid it on to victory. This charge has been blessed with revivals at every appointment. The work is in good shape.

Creston Circuit has had another good year under the labors of the pastor, J. J. Ryne. The work has grown. One church being built and another to be commenced soon.

Jefferson Circuit has had for its pastor A. H. Peeples, and has had a fair year of success. Classes have been organized at three or four new places. Good, hard work has been done and not in vain.

Montezuma Station has been under the efficient pastoral care of Adolphus Graybeal. He has held all he had and gained more. Our District School, Aaron Seminary, is located at this place. The school is only a little more than a year old. The building is 66x36 feet, two story, six rooms, on a beautiful plat of ten acres of land, in the heart of the new and growing town of Montezuma. The property is worth seven or eight thousand dollars, and has all been given by the poor people of the community. The people have been very liberal towards this work and are willing to continue

to do all they can. The school has prospered the first year, 190 students were in attendance. It is located in a section of country where it is greatly needed. There is no other school of like grade of any kind in the State within a radius of 75 miles. If any school ever needed and deserved aid and sympathy this one surely does. A boarding hall is sorely needed. A debt of $400 oppresses us. The illiteracy around us is appalling; the dearth of schools and competent teachers cries for assistance. J. D. ROBERSON, P. E.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Through the blessing of our kind Heavenly Father, we have been successful in doing a good year's work. The District comprises the greater part of 10 counties in the westernmost part of the State. We have thirteen charges, requiring a journey of five hundred miles to make each quarterly round. Our District, on the whole, is able to report progress. In finances we may fall short in our report. In conversions and additions to the church we are in advance of last year. The pastors have been faithful. One, Brother Franklin is not, for God took him. He fell at the post of duty, dying in the faith of the Gospel he had preached.

Boylston charge, under D. M. Matheson, has had prosperity, with 81 conversions.

On Bryson City charge the pastor, Bro. Gillespie, has built one new church and has had 40 accessions.

Clyde, Culberson, and Franklin Circuits have all had revivals and show progress.

Haysville and Highlands charges have been faithfully served though the pastor of the latter, D. N. Franklin, has borne heavy afflictions during the year.

L. J. Penley has done efficient work and has had 43 conversions on the Hendersonville charge.

Leicester comes up in its report the banner charge of the district. J. F. Matney, the pastor, has carefully looked after every interest of the work and rendered effective service.

Murphy Circuit, being left vacant by the death of William Franklin, A. S. Beaman, from Grant University, took charge of the field and did good work.

On the District we have had 375 conversions and 263 accessions.

Personally my health has been good. I have traveled

2500 miles, mostly by saddle; held one District Conference, one Sunday-school Convention, and filled nearly all my appointments. I have received from the District $165 in money and, we trust, the love and esteem of the people thrown in.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. Brown, P. E.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

In reviewing the work of the past year, notwithstanding the fact that we have one of the hardest fields in the Conference, we have abundant reasons to thank God for the success which has attended our efforts. The pastors of the different charges have been loyal and faithful. We have had over 300 conversions and 285 accessions to the church. We have built and dedicated four new churches, and have six more in process of erection. The work over the District is very encouraging, and we hope to be able to accomplish more in the year to come than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Smith, P. E.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

We are glad to report that almost every class has been visited with power from on high.

At Forsythe and Greensboro Missions churches have been built worth about $500 each.

At Gold Hill one church has been finished and dedicated, and another church building started.

At Randleman one church has been finished and two more will be ready for dedication soon.

Troy and Troy Mission have done good work; one new church has been built and two other church enterprises have been started.

At Winston our numerical strength has been increased and much good work done.

We have had conversions on all our charges, and several hundred accessions during the year. Our collections over the District have been small, owing to financial depression. Four churches have been completed and dedicated, six are in process of completion, and at five points preparations are

being made to build. Our pastors are heroic, self-sacrificing and loyal. Personally, I have missed no appointment, have preached 127 times, made 18 addresses, many pastoral visits, and have been in revival work much of the year. To God be all the praise for His preserving care and loving kindness.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. WINKLER, P. E.

COAST DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

It is with gratitude to God that I am able to say that none of our little band, whom you ordered to go down East a year ago, have been lost. Some of us have had to stand by the bedside and see our loved ones enter the phantom barque, and set sail for the farther shore; others of us have had to battle with the fierce waves of the sea, and the fiercer waves of persecution, but we are all here at our annual feast of tabernacles.

Last year there were 807 member, 101 probationers, 14 churches, and 16 Sunday-schools, reported from the Coast District. This year we can report but 450 members, 56 probationers, . . churches, and 8 Sunday-schools, the balance having been taken to form part of the new Greenboro District. But while our number is small, I am happy to say, that it is very select, for we are the children of a King.

Bethlehem is our first charge of importance, on account of its numbers, and the fact that it is the site of our connectional school—Graham Academy. This work has prospered, and to-day we have three times as many members, and more than three fold as much church property as we had five years ago.

Hatteras and Kinnekeet is a good work, and is destined. with care, to become one of our best charges. Improvements have been made, a new opening affected at Clarke, and a church building enterprise is on the way at Hatteras Cape.

Morehead City and Harker's Island have made a little advance during the year.

Ocracoke is becoming an important charge on account of its summer resort facilities.

On Onslow Circuit we met with a loss in the burning of one of our churches. The pastor has done heroic work.

Roanoke Island has been supplied during the year. It has possibilities.

Wildwood charge has built one of the best country churches in the Conference, while repairs have been made on two others.

Graham Academy, located at Marshallberg, is doing good work; 127 students were enrolled last year.

In conclusion, I would say, Brethren of the Conference, Coast District hopes to clasp hands with you ere long, and stand side by side with that chasm of 300 miles, which now separates us, wiped out, and the banner of our beloved Methodism waving from the mountains to the sea.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, P. E.

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MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

For the District	$250	Creston	$ 90
Asheville	100	Montezuma	90
Asheville Circuit	70	Montezuma Circuit	30
Bakersville	120	Marshall	120
Bakersville Circuit	50	Spruce Pine	40
Burnsville	70		
Boone	60	Total	$1090

CLYDE DISTRICT.

For the District	$270	Highlands	$ 65
Boylston	65	Hendersonville	70
Bryson City	140	Johathan's Creek	80
Culberson	75	Murphy	100
Franklin	65		
Glenville	70	Total	$1070
Haysville	70		

COAST DISTRICT.

For the District	$225	Hatteras & Ocracoke	$100
Avon	100	Swansboro	175
Beaufort & Morehead City	5	Wildwood	130
Bethlehem	25		
Harker's Island	75	Total	$865

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

For the District	$175	Gladstone	$ 50
Belfast Circuit	60	Huntersville	55
Centre Circuit	50	Winston	180
Eagle Spring	50		
Forsythe	65	Total	$685

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

For the District	$275	Troutman's	$100
Conover	45	Wilkesboro	60
Laurel Springs	25	Yadkinville	50
Marion	60	Zion	50
Trap Hill	75		
Mt. Bethel	50	Total	$790

RECAPITULATION.

Bakersville District		$1090
Clyde	"	1070
Coast	"	865
Statesville	"	790
Greensboro	"	685
Total		$4500

J. D. ROBERSON, *Chairman.*
W. Q. A. GRAHAM, *Secretary.*

I concur in these appropriations.
C. D. FOSS, PRESIDENT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Your committee on Conference Claimants recommend the adoption of the plan of the New York East Conference, with the exception of the clause relating to annual fee by each minister, leaving it as follows:

I. COLLECTION.

Each congregation shall observe a Sunday to be known as Veterans'-day; upon which the pastors shall present this cause to the members of the church, and emphasize their obligations to the Conference Claimants. A collection shall be taken in the public congregation separate from any other interest.

II. DISTRIBUTION.

All moneys received for annual distribution in aid of the support of Conference Claimants shall be divided into two sums. The first, consisting of seventy-five per cent. of the whole, shall be called the Annuity Fund; the second, consisting of twenty-five per cent. of the whole, shall be called the Necessitous Fund. All superannuated ministers, the widows, and children under fifteen years of age of deceased members of the Conference shall be Conference Claimants, unless the claim be voluntarily relinquished.

The Annuity Fund shall be divided among the claimants upon the following basis: Each minister shall receive annually $10 for each year of his effective service; each widow shall receive one-half of her husband's claim; each child shall receive one-fifth of its father's claim. These claims shall be paid *pro rata* from the moneys in hand.

The Necessitous Fund shall be divided among the claimants, whether superannuates, widows, or children, whose annuities are insufficient for their needs, in such proportion as the Committee on Conference Claimants may deem equitable.

The gross allowance to each claimant from the above funds shall be reported to and approved by the Annual Conference.

A. GRAYBEAL, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

We first desire to express our thanks to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society for the work that it has done in the Blue Ridge Conference. We believe that all the preachers of the Conference are convinced that the success of our church depends largely on our seminaries. Provision must be made for the education of our young people. We urge greater zeal in the interests of our institutions of learning, some of which are in real need. We urge that our pastors make an earnest effort to raise every dollar of their apportionments. We ask that the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society give our schools more help. We are receiving but $250 aid in the bounds of this Conference, while more than $10,000 goes into the Holston Conference. We also ask that the Conference request the Corresponding Secretaries of the Society to give the principals of our schools, letters of recommendation, so that they can travel to secure funds.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, Chairman.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS, TRACTS, AND EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: The establishment of a Sunday-school is an entering wedge of righteousness in any Godless community; the distribution of tracts are leaves scattered from "The Tree of Life" among the diseased and sin-cursed hosts of Belial. The organization and working of Epworth Leagues in our churches is the impulse of new life and power to our people. Therefore, we urge throughout our Conference bounds untiring effort on the part of every pastor, to make Sunday-schools Methodistic, efficient, and saving. That we cease not to visit from

house to house, distributing tracts, and sowing beside all waters. And that we, in accordance with our last General Conference legislation, wherever possible, organize our young people into Epworth League Chapters. We would also recommend the organization of a Conference Epworth League, so as to increase all possible facilities for work.

W. C. MATNEY, Chairman.

BIBLE CAUSE.

WHEREAS, we regard the Bible the Book of Books, and a safe and sufficient guide in all matters of religion, the true source of all Christian civilization and morality; and whereas, the American Bible Society is doing a great work in printing and circulating the blessed Word of God, making it accessible to all classes of our people; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as pastors, will heartily co-operate with this great agency, and will present its claims faithfully to our people.

J. F. MATNEY,
C. W. MATNEY,
J. M. HEATH,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

We the undersigned committee beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, The manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors in the land has become the giant foe of all moral, civil, and religious progress; and, Whereas, This blighting curse is ruining the young men of our country, and making demons of loving husbands and affectionate fathers, thus blighting thousands of homes, and bringing discord, grief, poverty, and want to happy firesides, and leaving nothing but death and destitution in the wake of its awful progress; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Chuch, take an unflinching, immovable stand against this God dishonoring, soul destroying business, and seek its extirpation by all lawful and christian means.

Resolved, 2. That it be and is the sense of this Conference, that any member of the Methodist Episcopal Church who may sell or furnish grain or fruit of any kind, to be manu-

factured into intoxicating liquors, shall be held to be guilty of a misdemeanor for which he ought to be labored with, as is provided in paragraph 240 of the Discipline.

Resolved, 3. That we most heartily endorse the action of our last General Conference upon the subject of intemperance, and will by all possible means carry out this section, so far as we are in any way related to it.

Resolved, 4. That we, the members of this Conference, regard the use of tobacco as an evil, and will discourge its use, by precept, and as far as possible by example, and that physiological effect of narcotics shall be taught in all the schools under our care.

Resolved, 5. That the manufacture and use of fermented cider is contrary to the spirit of the Discipline, and should be discouraged by us in every possible way.

Resolved, 5. That we organize our Sunday-schools into Temperance Societies, and wherever possible, circulate pledges of total abstinance among our young people.

Resolved, 7. That we endore the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and will in every way in our power help it battle for God, and Home, and Native Land.

D. M. MATHESON,
J. P. YORK,
Committee.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are thankful to Almighty God for the signal blessings He has bestowed upon our labors during the past year. We are glad to know that many of our people are striving to give their children a christian education, and train them for a better life; and that our entire field of labor is on an upgrade of spiritual growth and knowledge. We would recommend the second Sunday in December as a day of prayer for our work in the Blue Ridge Conference.

E. J. WINKLER, Chairman.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, The growth and development of our church depends to a great extent upon the standard of intelligence among our people; and, Whereas, our church is so amply able to supply the demands of our people in the line of periodicals, books, etc.; therefore,

Resolved, That we patronize our Book Concern in preference to other publishing houses.

We recommend that our people subscribe for our great church periodicals, and faithfully read them.

A. GRAYBEAL, Chairman.

CONFENENCE STEWARDS.

RECEIPTS.

Draft from Book Concern	$450.00
" Chartered Fund	25.00
Conference Claimants' Collections	34.00
Total	$509.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Mrs R. M. Witt	$80.00
" Mrs. R. M. Clayton	80.00
" Mrs. N. F. Parker	10.00
" W. G. Matton	40.00
" J. W. Naylor	10.00
" in favor of Bessie Franklin	25.00
" in settlement Wm. Franklin's book acc't	41.79
" to R. A. F. Smith	25.00
Total	$311.79
Balance on hand	197.21
	$509.00

A. H. PEEPLES, Chairman.

PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS.

We have examined the accounts and receipts of the Presiding Elders and find them correct.

J. R. CANNON, Chairman.

CONFERENCE RELIEF SOCIETY.

Statement of the condition of the finances of the Conference Relief Society:

Received from the Conference, Oct. 1890	$242.00
Interest on above to Nov. 1891	19.36
Received from the Conference, Oct. 1891	302.00
Interest on above to Nov. 1892	45.06
Received from the Conference, Oct. 1892	196.00
Total receipts to Nov. 1892	$804.42
Invested at 8 per cent. secured by mortgage on real estate	563.36
Cash on hand	241.06
Grand total	$804.42

J. E. REED, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

TO BISHOP FOSS.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Bishop Foss for the able manner in which he has presided over our deliberations, and should the Episcopal Board see fit to send him to us again, we will rejoice in his coming.

J. S. BURNETT.

TO THE SECRETARIES.

Resolved, That we return thanks to the Conference Secretaries for their efficient services.

J. S. BURNETT.

TO THE CITIZENS.

Resolved, That we extend to the citizens of this community our cordial thanks for their hospitality.

A. GRAYBEAL.

OUR
Crowned Brethren.

Rev. F. M. Fanning,
" R. M. Witt,
" J. N. Parker,
" D. M. Clayton,
" W. F Parker,
" Wm. Franklin.

MEMORIALS.

OBITUARY OF W. F. PARKER.

WILEY FRANCIS PARKER was born July 23rd, 1829, in Hamliton co., Tenn., on the spot where Chattanooga now stands, and died in Weaverville, N. C., January 30, 1892. He professed saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of sixteen. When but a mere boy he joined the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South. In 1850 he was ordained deacon at Abingdon, Va., by Bishop Andrews, and two years later was ordained elder by Bishop Capers. In 1855 he was married to Miss Margaret M. Weaver, daughter of M. M. and Jane E. Weaver, of Weaverville, N. C. Soon after his marriage he became President of Transmontaine College, and a year later took charge of Bascom College, in both of which he did good work.

During the war he entered the Confederate army, became a captain, and served till its close. After the return of peace he entered the S. C. Conference of the M. E. Church, and labored for several years as a Missionary among the colored people of that state. In this work he suffered ostracism and persecution. In 1881 he was transferred by Bishop Foster to the Blue Ridge Conference.

As a preacher Bro. Parker had few superiors. He was clear, terse, incisive and forceful. His elocution was good; he was sound in doctrine, and well versed in theology and history. In debate he was a master. In 1857 he held a seven days' joint debate with a celebrated Baptist debater on the subject of baptism, in which he completely vanquished his opponent. He was a rare conversationalist and endowed with superior social qualities. He was a kind husband and an affectionate father. To say he was without fault would be making him more than human. To say he made no opponents would be to divest him of real personality. Let us forget his faults, emulate his virtues, cherish his memory, and prepare to meet him in heaven.

Last January he took la grippe, had almost recovered, took a relapse, pneumonia ensued, and after a few days of speechlessness, gently breathed his last. He leaves a widow, four

sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss. His work is done. He being dead yet speaketh.

J. D. ROBERSON.

OBITUARY OF WM. FRANKLIN.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN was born in the year 1865. He was the son of pious parents; his father, Rev. D. N. Frankin, being a member of the Blue Ridge Conference of the M. E. Church. He was converted in the summer of 1886, and was licensed to preach the same year under the presiding eldership of Dr. C. S. Long. In the year 1888 he joined the Blue Ridge Conference. The following two years he traveled the Saluda Mission. In 1890 he was appointed to Morehead City and in 1891 to the Wildwood Mission. At the Annual Confererence, held at Asheville in the fall of 1891, he was assigned to the Murphy charge, Clyde District. His health had been failing for some years, and finally while on this charge, he became so afflicted that he could no longer work. In the month of May, 1892, he passed from labor to rest. His remains were interred at Murphy, N. C.

He was a faithful workman, and was greatly beloved by his people. He had his share of affliction and trial; but bore up under all with patient resignation. While at Murphy he wrote the following lines to his father, Rev. D. N. Franklin, on hearing of the death of his grand-mother: "The sickle is being put in, and death's sheaves are being gathered even from among those we love dearest. Such will be the end of us all, so far as things in time are concerned. These things must come, and we must be resigned. Weep not for me if I should pass that solemn ordeal before you. It may be so soon. Let us weep o'er those among us who are in danger of the second death. My life will not be worth much any more—theirs might be worth a great deal." In another letter he wrote the following lines: "Continue to pray for me. If we never meet on earth again, let us try to meet in heaven. May God bless you all." His record is on high. He hath done what he could.

J. H. GILLESPIE, Chairman.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATIONS

This is to certify, that in New Home Church, near Poindexter, N. C., on Sunday, October 16th, 1892, I ordained

GEO. R. ROWAN,
JESSE F. PREVETTE,
THOS. C. CROKER, and
WM. R. WEST,
AS DEACONS;

And that in same place and on the same day, assisted by several Elders, I, also, ordained

JOHN S. BURNETT,
WM. J. EVANS,
REUBEN N. SMITH,
JOHN H. PATTERSON, and
STOKES A. EARNHARDT,
AS ELDERS.

CYRUS D. FOSS.

POINDEXTER, N. C., Oct. 17, 1892.

BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

BROWN, T. W.—Born, Cleveland, Tenn, '41; converted at Read Hill camp ground '55, attended Grant University, licensed to preach '67, joined Holston Conference, ordained deacon '70, elder '76 by Bishop Scott. Traveled Hamilton '68, Ducktown '69, Ooltewah '70-'71, Matisonville '72, Kingston '75, Hendersonville '76-7, Leicester '78, Pigeon River '79, Parrottsville '80-1, Royseville '82, Rutledge '83, Parrottsville '84, Morristown '85. Holston Conf., Blue Ridge Conf. Clyde '86, then P. E. Clyde District '87-92. Conversions many.

BURNETT, J. S.—Born Jackson co., N. C., '66; converted near Webster, N. C., '86, licensed to preach '87, self-educated; joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Joyce '90. Traveled circuits Highlands '88-9, Swansboro '90, Winston '91-2. Conversions 350.

BALLEW, W. A.—Born Burke co., N. C., '54; converted at Zion, N. C., '78, joined church '80, licensed to preach '83, and admitted on trial into the Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Mallelieu '85, elder by Bishop Joyce '87. Traveled Boone cir. '83 5, Red Hill '86-7, Clyde '87-91. Conversions during ministry 800.

CANNON, J. R.—Born Spartanburg, S. C., '59; converted Mt. Carmel '79, attended Grant University, licensed to preach '80, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bowman, elder by Bishop Mallelieu. Traveled Asheville ct. 2½yrs. Tryon mis. 1 yr, Harker's Island 2 yrs, Ocracoke 2 yrs, Bakersville sta. 1 yr, Bakersville dist. P. E. 2 yrs. Conversions many.

CLARK, F. A. L.—Born Cabarrus co., N. C., '49; converted at Rocky Ridge, N.C., '68, common school education, joined Blue Ridge Conf. and ordained deacon by Bishop Mallelieu '85, elder by Bishop Joyce '90. Traveled cts. Shiloh '81-2, Uwharie '83-4, Mocksville '87-8, Troy '88-9, Yadkin '90-2. Many conversions.

CROWDER, U. S.—Born Randleman, N. C., '66; converted at Lovejoy '91, attended Farmer's Academy, licensed to preach '92, received into Blue Ridge Conf. on trial '92.

CROKER, T. C.—Born Cabarrus co., N. C., '57; converted at Rockwell, N. C., '83, licensed to preach '87, joined Blue Ridge Conference '91, ordained deacon '92 by Bishop Foss. Traveled Gold Hill ct. '91, Onslow '92. Conversions 30.

EVANS, W. J.—Born Haywood co., N. C., '43; converted at Aaron Plains '81, common school education, licensed to preach '85, admitted on trial Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Joyce '90. Traveled Webster ct. '87-8-9, Highlands ct. '90, Culbertson ct. '91-2. Conversions 250.

GRAHAM, W. Q. A.—Born Alexander co., N. C.; converted at Hunting Creek '79, licensed to preach '80, graduated '88 from National University, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Bowman '83, elder by Bishop Mallelieu '85. Travelled Trap Hill '81-2, Jefferson '83-4, Gastonia '85, Mt. Mitchell '86, Trap Hill '87; P. E. Eastern Dist. '88-9, Bethlehem stn. and Principal Graham Academy '90-1, P. E. Coast Dist. '62, with principalship of Graham Academy.

GILLESPIE, J. H.—Born Buncombe co., N. C., '52; converted '72 in Buncombe, graduated Grant University '91, licensed to preach '83, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon '86 by Bishop Walden, elder by Bishop Fitzgerald '88. Traveled cts. Webster and Highland '85-6, supplied Leicester part of '87, Kingston ct. Holston Conf. part of '88, Hill City '88-9, Leicester, Blue Ridge Conf., part of '90, Swansboro and Jacksonville part of '91, Bryson City '92. Conversions 400.

GAMBLE, A. H.—Born Ontario, Canada, '59; converted '73, schooled in Collegiate Institute, Ont., and Hamline University, Minn., licensed to preach '79, joined Michigan Conf. '82, ordained deacon '84 by Bishop Ninde, elder by Bishop Hurst '86, served Howard City stn '82-4, Pentwater '85, Hart '86, Nashville '87, transferred to Minnesota Conf. '88, appointed to Shakopee '88-9, Montevideo '90, transferred to Blue Ridge Conf. appointed Bakersville sta. '91, Asheville '92. Conversions 200.

GEORGE, D. S.—Born Jonesville, N. C., '65; converted '84, licensed to preach '92, joined Blue Ridge Conf. '92.

HOPKINS, J. H.—Born Davidson co., N. C., '64; converted '79, licensed to preach '88, admitted to Blue Ridge Conf. on trial '92.

GRAYBEAL, A.—Born Ashe county, N. C., '60; converted '79, studied at Leicester Academy '83-4, at Grant University '85, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Bowman '83, elder by Bishop Mallelieu '85. Travelled Mocksville ct '81, Hendersonville '82, Pisgah '86-9, Southern Kansas Conf., transferred back to Blue Ridge Conf., stationed at Bakersville '90, Montezuma '91-2. Conversions 225.

GRAGG, R. A.—Born Watauga co., N. C., '64; converted '79, licensed to preach '90, attended Grant University, joined Blue Ridge Conf. '90 on trial, in School '91-2. Conversions 45.

JOHNSON, A. J.—Born Yadkin co., N. C., '57; converted at home '80, self-educated, licensed to preach '84, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Walden '86, elder by Bishop Joyce '89. Traveled Yadkin '84-6, Eagle Mills '87-9, Stokes and Surry mission '90, Trap Hill '91-2. Organized and built 12 churches. Conversions 1200.

HEATH, J. M.—Born Davie co., N. C.; converted at Harmony Hill '76, lincensed to preach '88. Travelled Clingman '89, admitted on trial into Blue Ridge Conf. '91, appointed to Clingman '91-2. Conversions 60.

LANIER, D. A.—Born Catawba co., N. C. '42; converted at Pisgah '57, licensed to preach '77, attended Rutherford College, ordained deacon by Bishop Keener '83, elder by Bishop Warren '91, Blue Ridge Conf. Travelled Trap Hill ct. '91, Mt. Bethel '92. Conversions 159.

MACDUFFEE, F. C.—Born Auburn, N. H., '65; converted in Auburn '84, licensed to preach '85, studied in N. H. Conf. Sem. at Tilton and Boston University. Travelled Wiers '87, East Tilton '88, admitted on trial Blue Ridge Conf. '92. Conversions 30

MATHESON, D. M.—Born Cherokee co., N. C., '50; converted '68, licensed to preach '83, self-educated, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Joyce '89. Travelled Murphy ct. '87, Franklin ct. '88-90, Boylston '91-2. Conversions 250.

MATNEY, T. W.—Born Wilkes co., N. C., '30: converted at home '50, licensed to preach '58, self-educated, ordained deacon by Bishop Pierce, S. C. Conf. '65, elder by Bishop Janes, N. C. Conf. '70. In S. C., N. C., and Blue Ridge Confs. travelled Ashe and Watauga, New River, Surry and North Wilkes, Taylorsville, Caldwell and Burke, Catawba, Jefferson, Bakersville, Leicester and Asheville circuits. Conversions during ministry 800. Received into the church 1000.

MATNEY, J. F.—Born Caldwell co., N. C., '58: converted '80, licensed to preach '84, self-educated, with academic training, ordained deacon by Bishop Joyce '90. Travelled cts. Aaron '88-9, Jefferson '90, Leicester '91-2, all in Blue Ridge Conf. Conversions 150.

MATNEY, W. C.—Born Patterson, N. C., '56; converted '76, self-educated, licensed to preach '87, joined Blue Ridge Conf. on probation '89, ordained deacon by Bishop Warren '91. Travelled Bakersville ct. '89-92. Conversions 90.

MATTON, W. G.—Born City of Hereford, Eng., '30: converted in boyhood. Early left an orphan, drifted away from God. Reclaimed at Nathan Bangs' M. E. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., '60. Self-educated, licensed to preach '61, ordained deacon by Bishop Scott in New York East Conf. '66, ordained elder by Bishop Janes in Va. and N. C. Conf. '68. Travelled as supply in N. Y. East Conf. from '67-'70, travelled Lincoln, Catawba and Cleveland cts; appointed P. E. of Eastern Dist. '71-5, P. E. Wilmington Dict. '76-8, Greensboro Dist. '78-'81, Asheville Dist. '81-4. Transferred to West Virginia Conf. '84-5. Returned to N. C. and was supernumerary until '90. Superannuated '91. First three years as travelling preacher had 970 conversions.

NELSON, E. G.—Born Watauga co., N. C., '63; converted '84, licensed to preach '87, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Warren '91. Travelled Linville City mn '90, Ocracoke '91-2.

PEEPLES, A. H.—Born Oak Ridge, N. C., '46; converted at Palmer Mt. '72, liconsed to preach '80, attended Oak Ridge Institute, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Andrews '85, elder by Bishop Joyce '89. Travelled

Forsythe '84, Alexander '85-6, Mt. Mitchell '87, Harker's Island '88, Ocracoke '89, Sylva '90, Hayesville '91, Jefferson '92. Conversions 170.

PATTERSON, J. L.—Born Yadkin co., N. C., '51; converted at Enon '74, joined M. E. Church '87, lincense to preach '88, self-educated, ordained deacon by Bishop Joyce '91. Travelled Winston '89-0, Eagle Mills '91-2. Coversions 200.

PRIVETTE, J. F.—Born Iredell co., N. C., '62; converted '84, joined church '85, licensed to preach '91, admitted to Blue Ridge Conf. on trial '91. Travelled Randleman ct. '92. Conversions 105.

ROWAN, G. R.—Born Rogersville, Tenn., '61; converted at Chattanooga '85, licensed to preach '86, graduated from Grant University '91, admitted on trial Blue Ridge Conf. '91, ordained deacon by Bishop Foss '92. President Aaron Seminary '91-2.

PENLEY, L. J.—Born Burke co., N. C., '58; converted at Leicester, N. C., '77, licensed to preach '85, received on trial into Blue Ridge Conf. '87. Travelled Webster '87, Haysville '88-9, Jonathan Creek '90, Hendersonville '91-2. Conversions about 400.

REYNOLDS, E. H.—Born Buncombe co., N. C., '54; converted '78 at Turkey Creek, joined church '79, licensed to preach '84, attended college '88, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Fitzgerald '88, elder by Bishop Joyce '90. Travelled Pigeon River '85, Henderson '86, Asheville '87, Trap Hill '89-90, Asheville '91, Marion '92. Conversions 300.

ROMINGER, L. A.—Born Ashe co., N. C., '47; converted '66, licensed to preach '87, self-educated, ordained deacon by Bishop Joyce '90, took supernumerary relation '91. Travelled Estatoe River ct. '87-8, Burnsville '89-90, Boone ct. '91. Conversions 200.

ROBERSON, J. D.—Born London co., Tenn., '49; converted at Sweetwater camp-meeting '67, joined M. E. Church '69, licensed to preach by H. H. Burk '75, attended high school and college '68-'73, joined Holston Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Harris '77, elder by Bishop Wiley '79. Travelled Franklin ct. '75-6, Catawba '77, Kingsport '78, Jonesboro stn. '79, all of Holston Conf. Transferred in '80 to Blue Ridge Conf. and appointed P. E. of Greensboro Dist. '80-2, four years P. E. of Asheville Dist., three years on Bakersville Dist., two years Asheville stn., and '91-2 P. E. again of Bakersville Dist. Every year of ministry crowned with conversions.

ROMINGER, J. H.—Born Sutherland, N. C.; converted in '66, licensed to preach '91, joined Blue Ridge Conf. '92. Conversions 50.

STEPHENSON, J. L.—Born Grayson co., Va., '65; converted in Bristol, Tenn., '83, licensed to preach '87, admitted on trial into Blue Ridge Conf. '92. Travelled one year as evangelist, one year on Statesville miss. Conversions 290.

SMITH, C. W.—Born Burke co., N. C., '57; converted at Rock Creek '73, studied in Table Rock College, licensed to preach '84, ordained deacon by Bishop Walden '85, and elder by Bishop Joyce '89. Travelled Wilkesboro ct. '85, Gastonia '86, Jefferson '87-8, Leicester '89-90, appointed P. E. of Statesville Dist. July '90, continued '91-2. Conversions 700.

WEST, W. R.—Born Buncombe co., N. C., '65; converted '80, joined the church '82, licensed to preach '86, attended college '87, admitted on trial into Blue Ridge Conf. Travelled Wildwood ct. '92. Conversions 8.

WINKLER, E. J.—Born Wilkes co., N. C., '62; converted at Eschol '72, joined the church '78, licensed to preach '83, studied in Fairview College, joined Blue Ridge Conf., ordained deacon by Bishop Waldon '84, elder by Bishop Fitzgerald '86. Travelled Yadkin ct. '84, Boone and Creston '85-6, Forsythe '87, Read Hill '88-9, appointed P. E. of Coast District '90-1, Greensboro Dist. '92. Conversions 600.

STATISTICS No. I.

| DISTRICTS. | MEMBERSHIP | | | | | CHURCH PROPERTY. | | | | |

CLYDE.																																
Boyleston	11	179		3	3	11	4	1800	1	300	225				3	10	70	9	8	17	5			1				167		
Bryson City	34	76	3	3	2	2	3	1200			350		120	25	1	6	75	2	3	5	2	1	1	1	1	1			60	1	
Clyde	10	380	1	3	1		6	4500	1	600					4	15	300	20		20	3	1	1	3	1					2	
Franklin	10	169	1			6	1	600	1	200	25				2	8	60	3		3									50		
Haysville	11	105			11	5	2	1300	1	200					2	9	60	1	4	5									72		
Highlands	5	72			8	2	1	800							2	6	100	3		3	2								166	1	
Jonathan's Creek	12	75	1		6		1	800			75				1	6	30	3		3	2								130	1	
Leicester	35	208	2	1	4	4	3	2000	1	400		550	175	25	4	20	200	20	5	25	6	1	1	5					289	2	
Murphy	21	81				4	2	700	1	200	50				3	15	100	6		6									122		
Pisgah	25	215	1			1	5	3000	1	300					4	48	260	5		5	2	1			1	1			155	1	
Sylva	12	61			3	6									1	3	25	2		2	2									1	
Culberson	27	139		2	4	21	2	300	1	450	8	20	14		3	15	100	8		8	1								119	1	
Hendersonville			1																												
and Skyland	10	120		2			2	1300							2			12	1	13	4	1		4					179	1	1
Total	231	1880	10	14	42	62	31	18300	8	2650	733	570	309	50	32	160	1320	94	21	114	29	5	3	14	3	2			1529	11	1
COAST.																																
Bethlehem	6	140		2		10	1	3000	1	600	50			25	1	14	150	5	8	13	5	1		3					150	1	
Morehead City &																																
Harker's Island		61	1	1	3	2	1	2000	1	1000	200				1	8	65	2		2	1			1	1				21	1	
Wildwood	4	70		1		6	3	1300			700	200	12	10				6		6	3						1	1		1	
Hatteras & Kinnekeet	17	96		4	5		2	2025			25				2	12	125	6		6	3	1		3					175	2	
Ocracoke	4	76			5		1	1700			60			9	1	9	100	3		6									163		
Onslow	24	91					1	1500										3		3									165		
Roanoke Island	no	report																														
Total	55	534	1	8	13	18	9	11525	2	1600	1035	200	12	44	7	43	440	22	8	30	12	2		7	1		1	1	674	5	

STATISTICS No. I.---Concluded.

DISTRICTS.	No. Probationers	No. full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children baptiz'd	Adults Baptized	No. Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for building and improving	P'd on old indebtedness ch. prop.	Present indebtedness	Current expenses	No. Sunday-schls	No. officers and teachers	No. Scholars of all ages.	For Missions from Churches	From Sunday-S's	Total for Missions	For Church Extension	For S. S. Union	For Tract Society	For F. A. and So. Educat'n Society	For Education	Am. Bible S'y	W. F. M. Society	W. H. M. Society	For House Rent for Pas., P.E., Dis.	Conf. Claimants	Other Benev. Col.
BAK'RSVILLE																														
Asheville	4	92	1	2	7		1	14000	1	1000	1700	25	500	130	1	12	120	$ 15	10	$25	$ 6	$1	$1	$ 10	$3	$1			636	2	
Asheville circuit	7	220	2	3	3	5	5	2000	1	300	25	25		6	4	17	250	10	5	15	3	1	1	2				1	245	1	
Bakersville		70	1	1			1	1500							2	12	150	5		5	3				1				131	1	
Bakersville ct	42	141			8	2	3	3000	1	250	300		75	25	4	20	210	6		6		1							125	1	
Aaron	10	140	1			5	2	1000			100			10	2	80													75		
Boone	21	105	3	1	8	10	3	2000			50				5	23	225	11		11	1		1	4					103	1	
Burnsville	11	100					1	650																							
Creston	10	165	2	6	1	2	3	750			50			15	2	12	105	5		5	2			1					97	1	
Jefferson	47	300	3	2	6	1	6	3500	1	400	250			150	4	20	200	8		8	1			1					280		
Elk Park&Cranb.																															
Madison miss																															
Montezuma	3	70	2		1		2	3500						10	1	9	120	6		6	10			14	3				135		5
Totals																															
Bakersville Dist	155	1403	15	15	34	25	27	31900	4	1950	2475	50	575	346	25	127	1460	66	15	84	27	3	2	32	7	2		1	1827	7	5
Clyde "	231	1880	10	14	42	62	31	18300	8	2650	733	570	309	50	32	161	1320	94	21	115	29	5	3	14	3	2			1529	11	1
Statesville "	164	1783	15	21	21	126	42	14450	3	850	1137	20	175	2	37	160	1554	48	9	57	20	6	3	13	3	1		1	1088	7	2
Coast "	55	534	1	8	13	18	9	11525	2	1600	1035	200	12	44	5	43	440	22	8	30	12	2		7	1		1	1	674	5	
Greensboro "	155	1301	12	9	22	24	31	13750	1	150	1701		150		20	109	855	38	1	39	18	2	1	5	1	1			674	6	
Grand total	760	6901	51	67	132	255	110	89925	15	7200	7081	840	1221	442	119	615	5429	268	54	321	106	18	9	71	15	6	1	3	5792	37	8
Grand do last y'r	768	7065	58	51	238	375	128	79775	15	6525	5318	399	1247	290	120	593	6058	335	61	396	129	22	19	111	12	1			5667	32	299
Increase				16			22	10250		675	1763	341		142		22									3	5	1	3	125	5	.....
Decrease	8	164	8		106	120							26		1		629	67	7	75	23	4	10	40							291

STATISTICAL No. II.---MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

STATESVILLE	PASTOR.	Pastor's claims, including rents.	Pastor's receipts, including rents.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned P.E.	Paid P. E.	Apportioned Bis.	Paid Bishop.	Appor. Conf. Cl'ts	Paid Conf. Cl'ts
Asbury	R. A. F. Smith.	100	56	44	20	15				
Eagle Mills	J. H. Patterson.	255	225	30	25	25	2	1	2	2
Gastonia	G. W. Bradley.	330	130	200	30	24				
Marion	E. H. Reynolds.									
Mount Bethel	D. A. Lanier.	200	100	100	30	25	1	1	1	1
Statesville miss.	J. L. Stephenson.	100	60	40	16	15	1		1	
Trap Hill, Stokes & Surry miss.	A. J. Johnson.	70	58	12	6	1	1		1	
Wilkesboro	J. M. Heath.	200	132	68	20	20			1	1
Yadkinville	F. A. L. Clark.	150	100	50	16	14	1	1	2	1
	Total	150	112	38	25	13	1	1		
		1595	973	577	188	154	7	4	8	5
GREENSBORO.										
Forsythe	J. P. York	100	45	55	16	7				
Gold Hill	S. A. Earnhardt.	185	147	38	20	12	1	1	2	2
Greensboro miss.	E. J. Winkler.	35	20	15			1		1	1
Huntersville	D. S. Richardson									
Randleman	J. F. Privett	95	75	20	15	11	1	1	1	1
Robeson	H. Lowry									
Troy	H.D. Christenbury.		188		30		1	1	1	
Troy mission	J. L. Dennis	80	74	6	10	10	1	1	1	1
Winston	J. S. Burnett	55	67		16	12				1
	Total	550	616	134	107	52	5	4	6	6
BAK'RSVILLE										
Asheville	A. H. Gamble.	1000	600	400	50	35	1	1		2
Asheville circuit	T. W. Matney	300	200	100	30	22		1		1
Bakersville	A. Graybeal	200	60	140	28	15				
Bakersville ct.	J. R. Cannon	250	131	188	35	35				1
Aaron	W. C. Matney.	200	105	95	25	12				1
Burnsville	S. D. Tipton									
Boone	R. M. Smith	105	86	19	28	16		1		1
Creston	J. J. Rhyne	100	75	25	28	20	1	1	1	1
Jefferson	A. H. Peeples.	250	135	115	40	45				
Madison miss.										
Montezuma	A. Graybeal	200	110	90	28	25				
Elk Park&Cranb.										
	Total	2605	1502	1102	332	223	2	4	1	7

STATISTICAL No. II.—CONCLUDED.

CLYDE.		Pastor's claims, including rents.	Pastor's receipts, including rents.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned P.E.	Paid P. E.	Apportioned Bis.	Paid Bishop.	Appor. Conf. Cl'ts.	Paid Conf. Cla'ts.
Boyleston	D. M. Matheson	215	154	61	20	13	1	.	2	.
Bryson City	J. H. Gillespie	200	50	150	20	9	1	1	1	1
Clyde	W. A. Bellew	350	240	110	25	20	1	1	2	2
Culberson	W. J. Evans	200	102	98	20	15	1	.	1	1
Franklin	J. D. Jones	100	75	25	16	9	1	.	1	.
Haysville	A. Traylor	180	61	119	15	11	2	.	1	.
Highlands	D. M. Franklin	166	10	156	15	10	1	.	1	.
Hendersonville and Skyland	L. J. Penley	200	161	39	20	16	1	1	1	1
Jonathan's Creek	W. A. West	150	75	75	15	9	1	.	1	1
Murphy	W. S. Beaman	122	113	9	20	15	1	.	1	.
Leicester	J. F. Matney	300	270	30	20	18	1	1	2	2
Pisgah	J. B. Tucker		50	....	20	15	1	1	1	1
Sylva	F. M. Pressley	150	36	114	12	6			1	1
	Total	2333	1307	1286	238	136	13	5	16	10
COAST.										
Bethlehem	W. Q. A. Graham	175	150	25					3	1
Hatteras & Kinnekeet	C. F. Casstevens	160	137	23	40	30	1	1	1	1
Ocracoke	E. G. Nelson	158	147	11	20	18	2	.	1	2
Morehead City	N. M. Cooper	61	21	40	8	5				
Onslow	T. C. Croker									
Roanoke Island	No report.									
Wildwood	W. R. West	60	52	8	12	10			1	1
Totals	Coast District	514	507	107	80	63	3	1	6	5
	Statesville "	1555	973	577	188	154	7	4	8	5
	Greensboro "	550	616	134	107	52	5	4	6	6
	Bakersville "	2605	1502	1102	332	232	2	4	1	7
	Clyde "	2333	1307	1286	236	136	13	5	16	10
	Grand total	7257	4903	3206	945	637	30	19	37	33
	Grand do last y'r	7289	4700	2482	796	606	30	18	28	28
	Increase	268	203	724	49	31	..	1	9	5
	Decrease	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..

STATISTICS No. III.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools.	Off. and Teachers	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attend. Teachers & Sch'rs	No. Books in Library.	Total Expenses.	Off. & Teac. Mem. ch. or pr'bation'rs.	Scholars who are Mem. ch. or prob	No. conversions in Sunday-school this year.
BAKERSVILLE.										
Asheville	1	12	120	40	80	50	150	10	60	10
Asheville circuit	4	17	250	75	200	100	25	17	150	15
Aaron	2	6	80							8
Bakersville	2	12	150							
Bakersville cir't	4	20	210	80	150	55	30	20	105	4
Boone	5	23	225	35				18		
Burnsville	2	14	100							
Creston	2	12	100	25	70		3	12	40	
Elk Park & Cran.										
Jefferson	4	20	200		150	100	5	20	175	13
Madison mission										
Montezuma	1	9	120				30	8		
	27	145	1455	255	650	305	243	95	530	50
COAST.										
Bethlehem	1	14	150		100	50	25		100	15
Hatteras & Kinn.	2	12	125	35	100		14	11	63	
M. City & Har. Is.	1	8	65		65	80				
Ocracoke	1	9	100		75		12	9	40	
Onslow	1	7	45		35	26	10	7	24	
Roanoke Island										
Wildwood	1	6	60	10	40	50	10	6	20	
	7	58	545	45	415	212	71	33	247	15
STATESVILLE.										
Asbury	3	12	150	20	30	50			50	4
Eagle Mills	7	25	350		250	100	8	21	200	
Gastonia	5	15	150							
Marion	4	20	200	60	160	25	10	16	100	12
Mt. Bethel	3	15	90	15	50	40	2	12	50	
Statesville miss.	2	11	84	14	52	32		6	13	
Stokes & Surry m										
Trap Hill	6	25	275	150	250		10	18	175	
Wilkesboro	4	12	100	35	35	25	2			
Yadkinville	3	25	175	140	130		5	25	135	15
	37	160	1574	399	857	272	37	98	723	31

STATISTICS No. III.—Concluded.

DISTRICTS.	No. Schools.	Offi. and Teachers	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars in infant class.	Average attend. Teachers & Sho'ls	No. Books in Library.	Total Expenses.	Offi. & Teac. Mem. ch. or Probat'ers.	Scholars who are Mem. ch. or prob.	No. conversions in Sunday-school this year.
CLYDE.										
Boyleston	3	10	70	40	60		8	9	35	
Bryson City	1	6	75	25	45	50	5	6	25	10
Clyde	4	15	300		200		25			12
Culberson	3	15	100		60		10	10	75	30
Franklin	2	8	60	10	40			6	25	10
Haysville	2	9	60		6					10
Highlands	2	6	100							10
Henderv. & Skyl.	2									43
Jonathan's Creek	1	6	35							15
Murphy	3	15	100							15
Leicester	4	20	200	100	175	75	15	18	75	5
Pisgah	4	38	260			75	25	28	150	
Sylva	1	3	25							
	32	161	1385	175	586	200	88	77	385	60
GREENSBORO.										
Forsythe	2	6	80	60	60	200	10	4	50	13
Gold Hill	4	31	255	50	200	40	6	26	200	12
Greensboro miss.	2	9	75		60	25	7	9	40	15
Huntersville										
Randleman	3	15	125	25	100	100	5	12	50	
Robeson										
Troy	5	26	160		120			25		
Troy mission	3	15	120	30	120			15		12
Winston	1	7	40	15	30	50	12	6	16	
Total Greensboro	20	109	855	180	690	415	40	97	306	52
" Clyde	32	160	1585	170	586	200	88	77	385	60
" Statesville	37	160	1574	399	827	272	37	98	723	31
" Bakersville	27	145	1455	255	650	305	243	95	530	50
" Coast	7	58	545	45	415	212	71	33	247	15
Grand total	123	632	5814	1039	3538	1204	479	400	2251	208

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Cash Miss. So'ty.	Cash Church Ex.	Cash S. S. Union.	Cash Tract Soety	Cash F.A.&S.E.S.	Vr F. A. & S.E.S.	Cash Education.	Cash Bible Soc'y	Cash W. F.M. S'y	Cash W.H. M. S'y	Cash Epis. Fund.	Cash Conf. Cla'ts	Vr Conf. Clai'nts	Total Cash.	Total Vouchers.	Total Cash & V'rs
COAST DISTRICT.																
Hatteras & Kinn.	6	3	1		3				1	1		1		16		16
Wildwood	6	3			1		1					1		12		12
Ocracoke	3											2		5		5
Bethlehem	13	5	1			3						1		20	3	23
More.C.& Har. Is.	2	1												3		3
Onslow	2	1		1			1							5		5
	32	13	2	1	4	3	2			1		5		61	3	64
GREENSBORO DIS.																
Randleman	5	3	1	1	1						1	1		12		13
Winston	5	1			1							1		8		8
Greensboro miss	5	3										1		9		9
Gold Hill	7	4	1		1		1	1			1	2		18		18
Troy miss	6	3									1	1		11		11
Forsythe	2	1			1									4		4
Troy	9	3			1									13		13
	30	18	2	1	5		1	1			3	6		76		76
STATESVILLE DIS																
Mt. Bethel	1		1											1		1
Gastonia	8	2	1											11		11
Statesville miss			1											1		1
Wilkesboro&Sto.	5	2	1		1			1			1	1		12		12
Trap Hill& Surry	9	5	1	1	6							1		23		23
Eagle Mills	12	6	1	1	5					1	1	3		30		30
Yadkinville	10	3			1		1				1	1		18		18
Asbury	2	1												3		3
Marion	10	1		1			1				1	1		15		15
	57	20	6	3	13		2	1		1	4	7		114		114
BAKERSVILLE DI																
Asheville st'n	25	6	1	1	10		3	1			1	2		50		50
Montezuma	6	10			1	13	3							20	13	33
Bakersville ct	6	2	1									1		10		10
Boone	11	1			4						1	1		18		18
Creston	5	2			2			1			1	1		12		12
Asheville ct	15	3	1	1	2					1	1	1		25		25
Jefferson	8	1			1									10		10
Bakersville st'n	5	3					1					1		10		10
	81	28	3	2	20	13	7	2		1	4	7		155	13	168

TREASURER'S REPORT.—Concluded.

	Cash Miss. Soc'y	Cash Church Ex.	Cash S. S. Union.	Cash Tract Soc'y	Cash F. A. & S. E. S.	Vr F. A. & S. E. S.	Cash Education.	Cash Bible Soc'y.	Cash W. F. M. S'y	Cash W. H. M. S'y	Cash Epis. Fund.	Cash Conf. Cla'ts	Vr Conf. Clain'ls	Total Cash.	Total Voucher.	Total Cash & V'rs
CLYDE DISTNICT.																
Leicester	25	6	1	1	5						1	2		41		41
Pisgah	5	2	1				1	1			1	1		12		12
Boylston	17	5			1									23		23
Clyde	20	3	1	1	3		1				1	2		32		32
Jonathan's Creek	3	2										1		6		6
Bryson City	5	2	1	1	1		1	1			1		1	13	1	14
Sylva	2	2										1		5		5
Highlands	3	2												5		5
Franklin	3													3		3
Haysville	5													5		5
Murphy	6													6		6
Culberson	8	1										1		10		10
Hender. & Skyl'd	13	4	1		4						1	1		24		24
Totals: Clyde	115	29	5	3	14		3	2			5	9	1	185	1	186
Bakersville	81	28	3	2	20	13	7	2		1	4	7		155	13	168
Statesville	57	20	6	3	13		2	1		1	4	7		114		114
Greensboro	39	18	2	1	5		1	1			4	6		76		76
Coast	32	13	2	1	4	3	2		1	1	3	5		61	3	64
Grand total	324	108	18	10	56	16	15	6	1	3	16	34	1	591	17	608

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Historical.

The Virginia and North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized at Portsmouth, Va., January 3rd, 1867, by Bishop Levi Scott. Seven preachers were appointed to the North Carolina District, viz :

Dr. J. S. Mitchell, Presiding Elder.

W. G. Matton.	Wm. Rawlings.	J. H. Postell.
J. W. Naylor.	H. A. T. Harris.	J. P. Miller.

In 1868 the General Conference ordered the formation of two Conferences out of that territory, fixing the boundaries so that "North Carolina Conference should include the State of North Carolina, excepting the ten counties west of Watauga county and the Blue Ridge."

Thr first session of the new Conference was held at Union Chapel, Alexander county, N. C., by Bishop Ames, and twelve preachers received appointments.

The work was actively pushed among both white and colored people, amid great persecution and mis-representation for 11 years when in 1879 at Greensboro, by authority of the General Conference, the work was separated and the "Southern Central Conference" was formed by Bishop Peck. This Conference comprised the Greensboro and Eastern Districts and W. G. Matton and Wm. Rawlings were appointed Presiding Elders. The first session was held at Concord, N. C., January, 28th by Bishop Simpson. Nine preachers were present. Three Districts were formed, viz : Blue Ridge, Greensboro, and Eastern, and J. M. Welborn, W. G. Matton and Wm. Rawlings were appointed to them respectively. The membership reported was, including Probationers, 2,596. Church Property, $18,700. Benevolent Collections, $93.69.

By action of the General Conference of 1880 the name was again changed to "Blue Ridge Conference," the boundary of which was the State of North Carolina.

Bishop Warren held the first session of the Blue Ridge Conference at Leicester, Buncombe county, in January 1891. But few preachers were present. The added territory was called Asheville District. W. G. Matton was appointed P. E. J. D. Roberson, P. E. Greensboro Dist., J. M. Welborn, Blue Ridge District and Wm. Rawlings, Eastern.

The third session was held at Asheville, 1882, Bishop R. S. Foster, presiding. 4,831 members were reported. 79 churches, valued at $37,600.

In 1883, at Gastonia, the Conference was re-districted by Bishop Merrill. W. G. Matton, who had borne the burden so long and faithfully retired from the Cabinet and the work was merged into the Asheville and Greensboro Districts with J. D. Roberson and J. M. Welborn, Presiding Elders.

In 1886, at Smith's Chapel, Cabarrus county, the Districts were again changed. Dr. C. S. Long was appointed to Asheville District. J. D. Roberson, to Bakersville District and R. M. Witt, to the Statesville District.

Eastern District was again added in 1887, at Asheville, by Bishop Mallalieu and W. Q. A. Graham appointed Presiding Elder. T. W. Brown was appointed to Asheville District at this Conference.

In 1888 the Clyde District took place of the Asheville. Boundary of Conference was changed this year by General Conference to include the Croatan Indians.

In 1889. J. R. Cannon was appointed Presiding Elder of the Bakersville, and E. J. Winkler of the Eastern Districts. During this year R. M. Witt went to Heaven and C. W. Smith was appointed to the District.

In 1891, J. D. Roberson was again appointed to Bakersville, and W. Q. A. Graham to Coast (Eastern) Districts, and Greensboro District was reformed from part of the Statesville and E. J. Winkler was appointed to it, Bishop Warren having supervision.

In 1893, the Districts were supplied as follows :

Bakersville, A. Graybeal ; Clyde, E. J. Winkler.
Gladstone, T. W. Brown. Morehead City, W. Q. A. Graham.
Statesville, C. W. Smith.

Number of members including Probationers, 7,774.
Church Property, $92,250.

SESSIONS

—OF THE—

CONFERENCE.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1879 Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer.
(Changed to) BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.			
1880 Jan. 28 Feb. 1,	Concord,	" Simpson,	W. G. Matton.
1881 Jan. 20–24,	Leicester,	" Warren,	W. G. Matton.
1882 Jan. 19–23,	Asheville,	" Foster,	W. G. Matton.
1883 Jan. 24–29,	Gastonia,	" Merrill,	W. G. Matton.
1884 Jan. 30 Feb. 4.	Asheville.	" Bowman,	J. D. Roberson.
1885 Oct. 1–5	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford.
1886 Oct. 7–11	Smith's Chapel	" Walden,	W. T. Ford.
1887 Oct. 19–23,	New Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	W. Q. A. Graham
1888 Oct. 18–22,	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	W. Q. A. Graham
1889 Oct. 17–21,	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson.
1890 Oct. 16–20,	Clyde,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson.
1891 Oct. 21–25,	Asheville.	" Warren,	A. Graybeal.
1892 Oct. 13–16,	Poindexter	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble.
1893 Oct. 12–16,	Daisy,	" Hurst,	W. Q. A. Graham

Conference Roll.

1893.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	ORDER.	WHEN AND HOW ADMITTED.
Ballew, W. A.	Clyde, N. C.	Elder.	1885. Admitted on trial.
Brown, T. W.	Gladstone, "	"	1887 By transfer.
Burnett, J. S.	Daisy, "	"	1888. Admitted on trial.
Broyles, M. W.	Highlands, "	"	
Cannon, J. R.	Asheville, "	"	1882. Admitted on trial.
Casstevens, C. F.	Morehead City "	"	1890. " " "
Clark, F. A. L.	Lansing, "	"	1884. " " "
Christenberry, H. D.	Huntersville, "	"	1884. " " "
Croker, T. C.	Hatteras, "	Deacon.	1890. " " "
Dennis, J. L.	Eldorado, "	"	1891. " " "
Evans, W. J.	Culberson, "	Elder.	1888. " " "
Earnhardt, S. A.	Zion, "	"	1887. " " "
Gillespie, J. H.	Pisgah, "	"	1885. " " "
Graham, W. Q. A.	Marshallberg "	"	1882. " " "
Graybeal, A.	Montezuma "	"	1882. " " "
Heath, J. M.	Trap Hill, "	Deacon.	1890. " " "
Johnson, A. J.	Harmony, "	Elder.	1885. " " "
Lanier, D. A.	Catawba, "	"	1890. " " "
Matney, J. F.	Leicester, "	"	1888. " " "
Matney, W. C.	Montezuma, "	"	1889. " " "
Matherson, D. M.	Dana, "	"	1888. " " "
Nelson, E. G.	Haysville, "	Deacon.	1889. " " "
Penly, L. J.	Boyleston, "	Elder.	1888. " " "
Peeples, A. H.	Nealsville, "	"	1885. " " "
Patterson, J. H	Marshallberg "	"	1888. " " "
Richardson, D. S.	Clyde, "	Deacon.	1888. " " "
Rhyne, J. J.	Banner Elk, "	"	1887. " " "
Rominger, L. A.	Montezuma, "	"	1886. " " "
Smith, C. W.	Harmony "	Elder.	1885. " " "
Winkler, E. J.	Clyde, "	"	1885. " " "

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	ORDER.	WHEN AND HOW ADMITTED.
West, W. R.	Swansboro,“	Deacon,	1890. Admitted on trial.
York, J. P.	Asheville, “	Elder,	1888. “ “ “
	PROBATIONERS.		
Anderson, E.	Bakersville,“	Elder,	1893. “ “ “
Beamon, W. B.	Eldorado, “	Licentiate.	1892. “ “ “
Brown, G. W.	Gladstone, “	“	1893. “ “
Crowder, U. S.	Marshallberg“	“	1892. “ “ “
Current, J. M.	Mt. Bethel, “	“	1893 “ “ “
George, D. S.	Zion, “	“	1892. “ “ “
Hopkins, J. H.	Eagle Springs, N. C. “		1892. “ “ “
Jordan, A. F.	Huntersville, N. C. “		1893. “ “ “
Matney, G. W.	Murphy, “	“	1893. “ “ “
Lowrie, H. H.	Elrod, “	Elder,	1893. “ “ “
Nash, C. L		Licentiate.	1893. “ “ “
Prevette, J. L.	Center, N. C.	Deacon.	1891. “ “ “
Robinson, E. S.	Burnsville, “	Licentiate.	1893 “ “ “
Rominger, J H.	Creston, “	“	1892. “ “ “
Stephenson, J. L.	Wilkesboro, “	“	1892. “ “ “
Templeton, B.	Bryson City, “	“	1893. “ “ “
Sisk, J. A.	Laurel Springs, N. C. “		1893. “ “ “
Walker, I. S.	Montezuma, N. C. “		1893. “ “ “
West, W. E.	Ocracoke, “	“	1893. “ “ “
West, M A.	Jonathan's C'k, “	“	1890. “ “ “
	SUPERNUMERARY.		
English, A. F.	Brevard, N. C.	Elder.	1880. Transferred.
Heatherly, J. H.		Deacon.	1886. Admitted on trial.
Jones, C. O.	Cleaveland, Tenn.	Elder.	1887. Readmitted.
Rawlings, W.	Waymart, Pa.	“	1888. Restored.
Smith, J. F.		“	1889. Admitted on trial.
Verner, H.	Settle, N. C.	Deacon.	1888. “ “ “
West, J. F.	Spartanberg, S. C.	Elder.	1881. “ “ “
	SUPERANNUATES.		
Matney, T. W.	Riceville, N. C.	Elder.	1880. Transferred.
Matton, W. G.	High Point,“	“	1880. “
Naylor, J. W.	Bagley, Iowa,	“	1880. “
Franklin, D. N.	Highlands, N.C	“	1887. Admitted on trial

CROWNED.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

REV. F. M. FANNING.
" J. N. BARKER.
" R. M. WITT,
" D. M. CLAYTON,
" W. F. PARKER.
" WM. FRANKLIN.
" R. A. F. SMITH.
" S. D. TIPTON.

Servants of God! well done.
Thy glorious warfare's past.
The battle's fought, the vict'ry won
And you are crowned at last.

Blue Ridge Annual Conference,

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

1893.

OFFICERS :

President—Bishop John F. Hurst, Washington. D. C.
Secretary—W. Q. A. Graham, Marshallberg, N. C.
Assistant Secretaries— A. J. Johnson, J. F. Matney.
Statistical—A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
Treasurer—J. S. Burnett, Daisy N. C.
Nominating Committee—Presiding Elders.

COMMITTEES :

For Admission—J. S. Burnett, W. C. Matney, T. C. Croker.
First—Year—A. J. Johnson, J. H. Patterson, H. D. Christenberry.
Second Year—A. Graybeal, A. H. Peeples, W. J. Evans.
Third Year—J. H. Gillespie, F. A. L. Clark, J. F. Matney.
Fourth Year—W. Q. A. Graham, T. W. Brown, C. W. Smith.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES :

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

President—E. J. Winkler, Clyde, N. C.
Secretary—A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
Treasurer—J. S. Burnett, Daisy, N. C.

CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

J. E. Reed, - - - Treasurer.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President—Adolphus Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.

Vice President—J. F. Matney, Leicester, N. C.

Secretary—E. J. Winkler, Clyde N. C.

Treasurer—J. E. Reed, Asheville, N. C.

Additional Members——H. F. Ketron, E. T. Rhinehardt, J. C. Worley, C. B. Moore. J. P. York, Presiding Elders, members *ex officio*.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

A. J. Johnson, J. H. Gillespie, F. A. L. Clarke,
W. A. Ballew, H. D. Christenberry, D. M. Matherson,
J. S. Burnett.

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON.

J. F. Matney. Alternate, A. J. Johnson.

CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

President—W. Q. A. Graham.
First Vice—A. Graybeal.
Second Vice—C. W. Smith.
Third Vice—T. W. Brown.
Fourth Vice—E. J. Winkler.
Secretary—J. R. Cannon.
Treasurer—W. C. Matney.

Disciplinary Questions.

1 Who are Received by Transfer and from what Conference?

None.

2 Who have been Readmitted?

Lewis A. Rominger (Located 1892).

John R. Cannon (1892).

3 Who have been Received on credentials and from what Churches?

None.

4 Who have been Received on Trial?

(*a*) *In Studies of First Year:*

Willard E. West, Eli S. Robinson, Edwin Anderson, Irwin S. Walker, Charles L. Nash, Andrew F. Jordan, George W. Brown, Benjamin Templeton, James A. Sisk, John W. Current, Henry H. Lowrie, Green W. Matney.

(*b*) *In Studies of Third Year:*

None.

5 Who have been Continued on Trial?

(*a*) *In Studies of First Year:*

Ulysses S. Crowder, John H. Rominger.

(*b*) *In Studies of Second Year:*

Wm. B. Beamon, John H. Hopkins, F. W. Bradly, A. Traylor, M. A. West, D. S. George, J. L. Stevenson, J. L. Privette.

(*c*) *In Studies of the Third Year :*

None.

(*d*) *In Studies of the Fourth Year:*

None.

6 Who have been Discontinued?

Roby A. Gragg.

Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(*a*) *Elected and Ordained Deacons This Year:*

John L. Dennis, James M. Heath.

(*b*) *Elected and Ordained Previously:*

Thomas C. Croker (1892) William R. West, (1892.)

8 What members are in Studies of Third Year?

(*a*) *Admitted into Full Membership This Year:*

John L. Dennis, James M. Heath, R. West.

(*b*) *Admitted into Full Membership Previously:*

Hardy Verner, [1890], Joel F. Smith, (1891,) E. G. Nelson, (1891),

9 What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Thomas C. Croker, [1890,] D. S. Richardson, [1888,] David A. Lanier, (1889), J. J. Rhyne, (1889), James P. York, (1890,) Columbus F. Casstevens, (1890), L. A. Rominger, (1889.)

10 What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(*a*) *Elected and Ordained Elders This Year:*

Daniel M. Matherson, William C. Matney, James F. Matney.

(*b*) *Elected and Ordained Elders Previously:*

Lemuel P. Penly.

11 What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(*a*) *As Local Preachers:*

William N. Lomax.

(*b*) *Under Missionary Rule:*

None.

12 What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(*a*) *As Local Deacons:*

Edwin Anderson, Henry H. Lowrie.

(*b*) *Under Missionary Rule:*

13 Was the character of each Preacher examined?

Yes. All were approved, excepting F. M. Pressly, who was expelled from the Ministry and Membership of the Church.

14 Who have been transferred and to what Conferences?

A. H. Gamble to Minnesota, and F. C. Mc Duffie to South Dakota Conferences.

15 Who have died?

Robert A. F. Smith, S. D. Tipton.

16 Who have been Located at their own request?

None.

17 Who have been Located?

None.

18 Who have Withdrawn?

None.

19 Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges?

None.

20 Who have been expelled?

F. M. Pressly.

21 What other personal Notation should be made?

None.

22 Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Wm Rawlings, J. H. Heatherly, A. F. English, C. O. Jones, J. F. West, Hardy Verner, J. F, Smith, E. H. Reynolds.

23 Who are the Superanuated Preachers?

J. W. Naylor, W. G. Matton, T. W. Matney, D. N. Franklin,

24 Who are the Triars of Appeals?

A. J. Johnson, J. H. Gillespie, F. A. L. Clark, W. A. Ballew, H. D. Christenberry, D, M. Matherson, J. S. Burnett.

25 What is the Statistical Report?

See tables 1, 3 and 4.

26 What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer:

$383 00

27 What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

See Report of Stewards.

28 What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?

See Report of Stewards.

29 Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See Appointments.

30 Where shall next Conference be held?

Ocracoke Island, Hyde Co., N. C. Parties visiting the Conference will take special Excursion Steamer at New Berne, N. C., on Tuesday before the opening of the Conference.

Appointments.

1893.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

ADOLPHUS GRAYBEAL, P. E.

Montezuma, N. C.

Asheville	J. R. Cannon.
Asheville Circuit	J P. York
Marshall Mission	J. P. York.
Bakersville	Edwin Anderson.
Bakersville Circuit	Edwin Anderson.
Boone	J. J. Rhyne.
Burnesville	E. S. Robinson.
Creston	John H. Rominger.
Jefferson	F. A. L. Clarke.
Montezuma	Irvin S. Walker
Cranberry	Irvin S. Walker.
Montezuma Circuit	W. C. Matney.
Toe River	Lewis A. Rominger.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

EDMOND J. WINKLER, P. E.

Clyde, N. C.

Beaver Dam	Alexander Traylor.
Boylston	L. J. Penly.
Bryson City	Benjamin Templeton.
Clyde	W. A. Ballew.
Clyde Circuit	D. S. Richardson.
Culberson	W. J. Evans.
Franklin	J. D. Roberson.
Glenville	To be supplied.
Haysville	E. G. Nelson.
Hendersonville	D. M. Matherson.
Highlands	M. W. Broyles.
Jonathan's Creek	M. A. West.
Leicester	J. F. Matney.
Murphy	G. W Matney.
Pisgah	J. H. Gillespie.

GLADSTONE DISTRICT.

THOMAS W. BROWN, P. E.

Gladstone, N. C.

Belfast,.....W. B. Beamon.
Center,.....J. F. Privette.
Eagle Springs,.....John H. Hopkins.
Eldorado,.....J. L. Dennis.
Forsyth, postoffice Winston,.....J. S. Burnett.
Gladstone,.....G. W. Brown.
Huntersville,.....F. W. Bradly.
Pates,.....H. H. Lowrie.
Stanly,.....Charles L. Nash.
Troutmans.....A. F. Jordan.

MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, P. E.

Marshallberg, N. C.

Avon,.....F. C. Croker.
Beaufort.....C. F. Casstevens.
Morehead City,.....C. F. Casstevens.
Bethlehem,.....J. H. Patterson.
Harker's Island,.....U. S. Crowder.
Ocracoke,.....W. E. West.
Swansboro,.....W. R. West.
Wildwood,.....N. M. Cooper.
Graham Academy, W. Q. A. Graham, President and J. H. Patterson, Professor, members of Bethlehem Quarterly Conference.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

C. W. SMITH, P. E.

Harmony, N. C.

Catawba,.....D. A. Lanier.
Gastonia,.....H. D. Christenberry.
Harmony,.....A. J. Johnson.
Laurel Springs,.....James A. Sisk.
Marion,.....A. H. Peeples.
Mt. Bethel,.....John M. Current.
Trap Hill,.....J. M. Heath.
Wilkesboro,.....J. L. Stevenson.
Yadkinville,.....D. S. George.
Zion,.....S. A. Earnhardt.

The Daily Journal.

Blue Ridge Conference, 15th session, convened at Mt. Pleasant Church, Daisy, N. C., October 12th, 1893, Thursday at 11 A. M.

Bishop John F. Hurst D. D,, L L. D., opened the session by singing hymn No 1, Methodist Hymnal, and prayer. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered.

The Secretary of last session, A. H. Gamble, being absent, Adolphus Graybeal, Assistant Secretary, called the roll.

W. Q. A. Graham was elected Secretary; Assistants, A. J. Johnson and J. F. Matney. Adolphus Graybeal was elected Statistical Secretary and J. S. Burnett, Treasurer.

Bar of Conference was fixed.

The Bishop appointed the Presiding Elders a committee to nominate standing committees. Time of opening was fixed at 8:30 A. M., closing 12 M.

The Bishop announced the transfer of A. H. Gamble to the Minnesota, and F. C. McDuffie to South Dakota Conferences.

Wm. J. Evans was appointed to collect subscriptions for "Gospel in all Lands."

W. E. Matney was appointed to collect the New York and Western Book Concern accounts.

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham, A. Graybeal and A. J. Johnson were appointed to examine candidates in the Fourth year's studies.

The committee to nominate standing committees reported, as follows:

Public Worship—E. J. Winkler, J. S. Burnett.

On Mission—The Presiding Elders.

Triers of Appeals—Adolphus Graybeal, A. J. Johnson, C. W. Smith, W. J. Evans, S. A. Earnhardt, F. A. L. Clark, J. H. Gillespie, A. H. Peeples. M. W. Broyles.

Church Extension—J. F. Matney, J. H. Rominger, T. C. Croker.

Sunday Shcool Union—J. S. Burnett, C. W. Smith, W. R. West.

On Tracts—W. C. Matney, J. L. Dennis, D. M. Matherson.

Freedmans Aid and Southern Education—W. Q. A. Graham, A. J. Johnson, T. W. Brown.

Education—A. Graybeal, J. S. Burnett, J. H, Gillespie.

State of the Church—T. W. Brown, C. F. Casstevens, J. H. Patterson.

Auditing—M. W. Broyles, J. L. Dennis, J. M. Heath.

Periodicals—E. J. Winkler, W. R. West, J. L. Penly.

Temperance—H. D. Christenberry, W. J. Evans, W. C. Matney.

Conference Stewards—J. F. Matney, J. S. Burnett, A. J. Johnson.

Bible Cause—A. H. Peeples, W. B. Beamon, T. C. Croker.

Book Concern—W. C. Matney, D. S. George.

Conference Claimants—W. J. Evans, J. S. Burnett, A. J. Johnron.

The report was then adopted and the Bishop passed papers to the various committees.

Adolphus Graybeal was appointed to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

On motion of A. Graybeal a statistical session was ordered at 2:30 P. M. J. H. Rominger was appointed to conduct devotions.

Doxology was sung. Benediction pronounced by Bishop Hurst.

SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises half hour by Adolphus Graybeal.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings, read, corrected and apodted.

Minute business was resumed. G. W. Matney was re-admitted on trial.

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham, a committee on memoirs was appointed consisting of A. J. Johnson, W. C. Matney and Lewis Rominger.

E. H. Reynolds was on motion of W. C. Matney, granted a supernumerary relation. T. W. Matney was granted superan - uated relationship.

The Statistical Secretary called charges who had not passed in reports.

The Thirteenth Question was Taken up ; Bakersville District was called. The Presiding Elder, J. D. Roberson being absent, there was no report.

Effective Elders called, T. W. Matney, E. H. Reynolds were represented by W. C. Matney their characters passed.

Clyde District—T. W. Brown read his final report of six years' work. The characters of J. H. Gillespie and W. J. Evans were passed and they reported their collections. F. M. Pressly was called and the Presiding Elder reported him as being under suspension. A Select number of Elders were appointed to try the case. D. M. Matherson was appointed to represent the Church. W. Q. A. Graham was asked by the defendent to represent him. Special meeting of the committee called to meet at one o'clock.

Coast District was called, W. Q. A. Graham reported. A. Greybeal's character passed and he reported.

Greesnboro District was reported by the P. E., E. J. Winkler. Effective Elders, N. M. Cooper, S. A. Earnhardt, H. D. Christenberry were passed and reported.

Statesville District: C. W. Smith, P. E. The report was made. On motion of C. W. Smith a committee of inquiry was raised. J. H. Patterson, A. H. Peeples. A. J. Johnson, F. A. L. Clark, called, characters passed. Reports received.

Question 30 "Where shall next Conference be held?"

Ocracoke, Eagle Spring, Wesley Chapel and Clyde were nominated. Ocracoke was unanimously selected.

Question 5 "Who shall be continued on trial?" was asked. J. H. Rominger, U. S. Crowder, were continued. W. B. Beamon, J. H. Hopkins, D. S. George, J. L. Stevenson, having passed the examinations were passed to the 2nd year.

Question 8 "What members are in Studies of the Third year?"

D. A. Lanier, J. J. Rhyne, L. A. Rominger, T. C. Croker, D. S. Richardson, J. P. York, C. F. Casstevens were advanced to 3rd year.

H. Verner and J. F. Smith were continued supernumerary. L. J. Penly, D. M. Matherson, J. F. Matney and W. C. Matney were elected to elders orders.

Question 11 "What others hrve been elected and ordained Deacons?" Wilson N. Lomax was elected.

On motion A. J. Johnson was released from Committee on Memoirs, and A. Graybeal was added to the committee. Rev. Edwin Anderson was introduced. Conference adjourned with Benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by A. J. Johnson.

Minutes of the previous session were read corrected and approved.

Wm. Rawlings, A. F. English and J. F. West were continued supernumerary. M. W. Broyles was made effective.

J. W. Naylor, W. G. Matton were continued on the Supeannuated list and T. W. Matney and D. M. Franklin were added. J. R. Cannon was readmitted. A. letter from W. G. Matton was read by the Secretary.

Committees on Periodicals and Bible Cause read reports which were adopted. Committee in the case of F. M. Pressly reported and he was expelled from the Church and ministry.

Committees on Tracts; Temperance; and F. A. and S. E. Society reported. Reports adopted.

Auditing Committee reported. Report adopted.

Question 5 "Who have been continued on trial?"

J. L. Privette, F. W. Bradley, A. Traylor and W. A. West were continued on trial in the second year. Roby A. Gragg was discontinued. J. M. Heath, T. C. Croker, J. L. Dennis and W. R. West having passed their examinations were admitted into full connection and J. L. Dennis and J. M. Heath were elected to Deacon's orders. (T. C. Croker and W. R. West were ordained previously.)

The Bishop called the class forward and addressed them upon the duties of their responsible calling.

"Who have been received on trial?" *Question 4* was taken up. W. E. West and E. S. Robinson from Bakersville District; Edwin Anderson from Clyde; Irvin S. Walker from Coast. Chas. L. Nash, H. H Lowrie, Andrew F. Jordan, from Greensboro, and G W. Brown, J. M. Current, Benj. Templeton, James Sisk from Statesville were admitted on trial.

Edwin Anderson and H H Lowrie were elected to Local Elders orders under *Question 12*

The report of the Conference Stewards was received and after some amendment, adopted.

W. Q A. Graham read a report of the Treasurer of the Conference relief fund.

J. R Cannon was added to the Committee on memoirs.

The Presiding Elder of Clyde District was ordered to sell Wm Franklin's Library and pay his debts and pay any

balance to the treasurer of the "Relief Fund"

The Associate Journal accounts were put into the hands of J. F. Matney for Collection.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 7 P. M Benediction by Bishop

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 7 P M. Bishop Hurst in the chair.

After Devotional exercises the business was resumed.

Committees on Education; Church Extension; Sunday Schools; Missions; Annuity Plan reported and reports were adopted.

E. J. Winkler presented a resolution concerning the Historical Society which was adopted.

The Bishop appointed the Presiding Elders to nominate Standing Committees for next year.

On motion of C. W Smith the Conference adjourned after the reading of the appointments and ordination services.

Doxology was sung Benediction by Bishop Hurst

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, Secretary JOHN F HURST, PRESIDENT

Reports of Committees.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We beg to report, that we find the accounts of the Presiding Elders correct.

M. W. BROYLES, Chairman.

VERDICT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

We, your committee in the case of F. M. Pressly do find the charges against him sustained, and do agree to expell him from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A. GRAYBEAL, Chairman.

J. S. Burnett, M. W. Broyles, F. A. L. Clark, Wm. J. Evans, A. J. Johnson, H. D. Christenberry, J. H. Gillespie.

J. F. MATNEY, Secretary.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

We beg to report that we find the following named persons are Conference Claimants, and we recommend the following amounts be paid to them, viz:

Mrs. R. M. Witt,	$70.
" D. M. Clayton,	80.
" W. F. Parker,	5.
" R. A. F. Smith,	90.
Miss Bessie Franklin,	30.
Rev. T. W. Matney,	90.
" W. G. Matton,	50.
" J. F. Privette,	45.

Signed. J. F. MATNEY, Chairman.

J. S. BURNETT, Secretary.

CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand October, 1892,	$608 42
Interest on above,	48.67

Received from Conference Oct. 1892,	196.00
Interest for six months,	7.84
Total	$860.93

J. E. REED, Treasurer.

PERIODICALS.

Whereas, we greatly need a Conference Organ which we have not in our own Conference:

Resolved, 1st. That we adopt the *Methodist Advocate—Journal*, of Chattanooga, as our Conference Organ.

2nd. That we recommend a change of name so as to be as formerly *The Methodist Advocate*.

3rd. That we will try to circulate one or more of the Missionary papers among our people.

E. J. WINKLER.

TEMPERANCE.

We rejoice in the increasing success of the Temperance movement and repeat the utterance of this Conference at its session at New Home last year; "Whereas, Temperance has ever been one of the cardinal doctrines of the M. E. Church.

Whereas, The liquor traffic whether legal or illegal is making a mighty effort to continue its work of death—a work which is the veritable abomination that maketh desolate.

Therefore be it resolved:

1st. That we adopt as our deliverance on this question the action of the highest legislative body of our own great Church.

Resolved 2nd. That the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors except for medical and mechanical purposes should be prohibited as a nuisance and curse to our race.

Resolved 3rd. That we will stand shoulder to shoulder with each other in opposition to this giant evil and work for its final overthrow, by educating the young people in the Sunday Schools and by a united effort to carry out the law of our Church as found in the Discipline."

H. D. CHRISTENBERRY.
W. C. MATNEY.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We regard the Church Extension Board as being the second best missionary movement in the Protestant Church. It inspires the people to do more for themselves than they otherwise would do. It gives to the rich an opportunity to invest their money where it will do the most good.

When we think of the small sum which our people give to this grand cause and the large help it has given us we feel to blush with shame. But we believe that the reason why our people do not give more liberally is because they need to know more about this great movement.

Therefore, Resolved, 1st. That we will do all in our power to circulate *Christianity in Earnest* among our people.

Resolved, 2nd. That, in view of the fact that the Board of Church Extension gives us 5 dollars for everyone that we contribute to it, we will raise the amount apportioned to our Conference.

Resolved, 3rd. That we will endeavor to find at least five persons on each charge who will give $1.00 each to the Board of Church Extension.

J. F. MATNEY, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have had this vital interest of our Church under careful and prayerful consideration and find much to encourage us Yet we do not believe that all of our people are as thoroughly aroused to this great and important work as they ought to be, for on some charges Sunday School Conferences and Children's Day Services are not properly observed and we fear that the general work has suffered thereby. Therefore we urge our pastors and superintendents to see that these grand helps are properly recognized and held at such times and places on each charge as may appear best to those concerned.

J. F. MATNEY, Chairman.

TRACTS.

Whereas, the distributfon of Tracts is an entering wedge of

righteousness in any Godless community; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we keep on hand a constant supply of tracts for distribution wherever we go.

Resolved, 2nd. That we organize a tract society on each charge.

Resolved, 3rd. That we will buy our tracts from our own publishing houses.

Resolved, 4th. That we will take a collection in each of our Congregations for the Tract Society of our Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. C. MATNEY, Chairman.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Whereas, The Bible is the Book of Books; a guide to truth, justice, holiness and santification, and suitable for all kingdoms and nations of the earth, leading all who obey its teachings into civilization, morality and religion; and whereas, The American Bible Society is doing a grand and glorious work in printing and circulating the Word of God among all classes of people;

Therefore, Resolved, That we as pastors will try to do more in the future to assist this great agency in the distribution of the Word of God among our people, by faithfully presenting its claims and taking collections for the same.

A. H. PEEPLES, Chairman.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Resolved, That each pastor begin the work of collecting material for the Historical Society at an early date and forward the same to the District Secretaries.

E. J. WINKLER.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to J. S. Burnett for his untiring interest in

providing for the entertainment of this Conference; to the Secretaries for the faithful discharge of their duties; to Bishop Hurst for his able and considerate administration among us; to the citizens for their hospitality and to the Rail Road companies for courtesies

A. H. PEEPLES, Chairman.

Certificate of Ordinations.

I hereby certify that in Mt. Pleasant Church, Daisy, N. C., on Sunday, October 15th, 1893, Bishop John F. Hurst ordained

JOHN L. DENNIS,
JAMES M. HEATH,
AS DEACONS;

And that in the same place and on the same day, assisted by several Elders, he also ordained

DANIEL M. MATHERSON,
WILLIAM C. MATNEY,
JAMES F. MATNEY,
EDWIN ANDERSON,
HENRY H. LOWRIE,
AS ELDERS.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, Secretary.

NS, ETC.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.												
Claims for Ministerial Support.	Receipts for Ministerial Support.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages	Scholars under 15 Years old and over.	Scholars under 15 except Infant class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of Schools this Year.	
300	200	2	9	100										
350	178	3	13	84	26	58		47	5	17	8	95	1.00	
175	1	2	12	90	40	50			12	50	8	80		
200	40	3	15	75							4			
250	130	4	16	204										
		2	6	45										
250	150	1	15	75							20			
150	34	3	22	127										
225	190	4	15	140	70	70		75	12	40	12			
300	100	4	16	125	40	75	10	75	16	75	30			
2200	1043	28	139	1065	176	263	10	197	45	182	82	175	1.00	
328	222	4	12	200	100	100		140	10	75	33			
200	166	2	6	106	30	20	56	75	8	12	36			
150	85	8	25	321	200	121	30	300	23	250	47			
250	100	3	20	100	4	96		90	4	30	90	80	1.0	
75		3	15	135	85	70		120	15	52	34			
210	146	6	30	175	75	25	70	135	30	53	7		1.0	
281	161	5	18	284	105	111	68	200	16	147	15	550	2.0	
25	5	3	9	100	28	16	56	88	8	24				
100	75	4	12	290	100	190		290	3	26	21	50		
150	60	4	7	100	45	35	20	75	7	25	11			
		1	5	50										
100	81	7	18	225	115	75	35	165	18	145	107	100	1.00	
1768	1058	50	77	2095	887	867	340	1678	142	839	401	780	10	
200	152	1	5	75				80	5	15	15			
150	30	1	7	70	13	57		60	8	13	9	3		

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS. GREENSBORO DISTRICT.	Membership.				B'pt'm		Church Property				S. School		
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Schools	Officers & Teachers.	
Forsyth & Guilford	15	167	4			5	4	2000			2	9	1
Snow Camp	21	106	2	1	3	12	3	1000			3	13	
Uwariah	21	91	2	1	4	0	2	1300	1	150	2	12	
Iredell & Davie	35	149	2			5	4	950			3	15	
Cabarrus & Stanly	3	307	5	1	38	2	4	2500	1	250	4	16	2
Alexander	6	151			10	2	2	1000			2	6	
Lincoln, Catawba & Gaston	14	278	2	2	3		7	2100			1	15	
Yadkin & South Wilkes	9	299	2	4		1	4	500			3	22	1
Surry, N. Wilkes & Aleghany	29	259	6	3	5	14	4	600			4	15	1
Ashe & North Watauga	50	444	5	1		54	4	700			4	16	1
Caldwell & South Watauga	2	160		1	2		1	300					
Total	215	2409	30	14	65	95	39	12950	2	400	28	139	10
WESTERN DISTRICT.													
Salem & Kernersville	26	271	2	3		12	3	1500			4	12	2
Mt. Airy & Jonesville	6	164	1	2	27	15	4	1000			2	6	1
Cleveland & Gaston	44	385	3	6	7	12	8	800			8	25	3
Lenoir	40	375	5	13	35	39	3	2000	1	50	3	20	1
Alexander & Gaston	22	90	3	2	24	4	3	500	1	100	3	15	1
Newton	33	289	4	16	11	13	3	2000	1	150	6	30	1
South Catawba	42	280	4	6	12	9	4	1050	1	125	5	18	2
Danbury	9	113		2		8	4	500			3	9	1
Reidsville	1	126	2	1	15	12	1	500			4	12	2
Madison	5	110	1	1	4	14	4	125			4	7	1
Chapel Hill	2	57									1	5	
Guilford	30	313	3	5	8	18	3	3300			7	18	2
Total	260	2573	39	57	143	157	35	8375	4	425	50	177	20
CENTRAL DISTRICT.													
Charlotte & Mecklenburg	16	47	5	1	3	16	1	1300			1	5	
Troy & Richmond	4	80	3	2	9	7	3	1325			2	5	

COAST.																
Avon	13	65	....	....	8	.....	1	9	45	1	800	.....	.....	100	.....	
Harker's Island	17	55	1	....	.....	4	1	12	35	1	2 000	1	1 000	125	.....	
Hatteras and Ocracoke	20	96	....	1	27	.....	2	12	150	2	2 500	.....	.....	14	10	
Bethlehem	13	147	4	2	1	9	1	12	200	1	3 000	1	700	75	10	
Wildwood	5	65	....	1	5	3	2	10	75	1	800	.....	.....	50	.....	11
Swansboro	4	45	....	....	21	2	1	5	45	2	1 000	.....	.....	100	.....	
Beaufort and Morehead	7	22	....	1	10	.....	1	1	25	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Totals -	79	495	5	5	72	18	9	61	575	8	10 200	2	1 700	464	20	11
GREENSBORO.																
Belfast	78	117	....	1	.....	21	3	10	130	5	1 800	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Center	7	69	....	....	.....	4	4	12	125	3	1 000	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Eagle Spring	6	70	....	1	.....	.....	2	15	122	3	1 200	.....	.....	125	.....	
Eldorado	8	280	4	....	2	10	5	30	300	5	3 000	1	150	15	.....	
Forsythe	4	48	....	....	2	2	2	20	100	2	800	.....	.....	50	.....	
Gladstone	9	112	2	1	7	2	4	15	115	4	1 750	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Huntersville	14	126	2	1	4	.....	4	18	120	4	2 000	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Pates	118	234	1	2	23	5	5	20	200	5	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Winston and Mt. Pleasant	10	60	1	2	.....	1	1	5	40	1	1 400	.....	.....	125	.....	150
Totals -	254	1116	10	8	38	45	30	145	1252	32	13 750	1	150	315	.....	150
STATESVILLE.																
*Conover	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Gastonia	14	150	....	....	.....	.....	5	15	150	7	2 300	1	400	.....	.....	
Harmony	15	325	2	3	1	10	5	30	350	5	3 000	.....	.....	75	50	40
*Laurel Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Marion	25	237	....	1	7	.....	3	24	250	4	1 300	1	250	300	.....	
Mt. Bethel	14	160	1	2	28	2	5	25	170	3	1 400	.....	.....	60	50	
Trap Hill	35	310	3	....	3	39	6	37	320	7	3 000	1	400	.....	.....	
Troutman's	1	23	2	2	1	.....	2	11	64	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Wilkesboro	22	157	2	3	.....	9	4	13	175	5	2 000	.....	.....	400	150	
Yadkinville	24	225	2	3	2	8	5	35	235	4	1 250	1	200	.....	7	30
Zion	18	229	2	2	.....	28	5	30	230	6	1 400	.....	.....	150	.....	20
Totals -	168	1816	14	16	42	96	40	220	1934	42	15 750	4	1 250	985	257	90
Total Bakersville	207	1445	12	3	12	34	17	87	1020	34	30 150	4	1 950	490	.....	2 100
" Clyde	261	1823	13	13	24	90	36	197	1535	31	19 400	8	2 950	383	14	250
" Coast	79	495	5	5	72	18	9	61	575	8	10 200	2	1 700	464	20	11
" Greensboro	254	1116	10	8	38	45	30	145	1252	32	13 750	1	150	315	.....	150
Grand Total	969	6675	54	45	188	183	132	610	6316	147	89 250	19	8 000	2 637	291	2 601
" total last ye'r	760	6901	51	67	132	255	119	615	5429	140	89 925	15	7 200	7 081	840	1 221
Increase	209	.....	3	....	56	.....	13	.....	887	7	.....	4	800	.....	.....	1 380
Decrease	.....	226	...	22	.....	72	.....	5	.....	.....	675	.....	.....	4 344	549	.....

COAST.																	
Avon	3		3	1													4
Beaufort and Morehead.																	
Bethlehem,	12	4	16	2	1		2	2									23
Harker's Island	2		2														2
Hatteras and Ocracoke.	6		6	3			3	1					1	1			15
Swansboro	2		2	2		1		1									6
Wildwood,	4		4	2	1									1			8
Totals -	26	4	33	10	2	1	5	4	00	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	54
GREENSBORO.																	
Belfast,	7		7	2	1			4									14
Center,	2		2	1													3
Eagle Spring	3		3	1									1	1			6
Eldorado	6		6	2	1								1				10
Forsythe	3		3														3
Gladstone	5	1	6	3	1		1	1					1	2			15
Huntersville,	5	1	6	3	1												9
Montgomery																	
Pates	1	2	3	2	1	1	1		1				1	1			11
Winston and Mt. Pleasant	2	2	4		1	1											7
Totals -	39	6	45	14	6	2	2	5	1	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	78
STATESVILLE.																	
*Conover																	
Gastonia																	
Harmony	6		6	3	1	1	2				1	1	1				16
*Laurel Springs																	
Marion	4	1	5										1				6
Mt. Bethel	1	1	2														2
Trap Hill	8		8	4	1	2	4						1	1			20
Troutman's					1												1
Wilkesboro	6		6	1	1			1	1				1	1			12
Yadkinville	5		5	1			1	1					1	1			9
Zion	5	1	6	2	1									1			10
Totals -	35	3	38	11	5	3	7	2	1	...	0	1	5	5	0	0	76
Total Bakersville	51		51	9	2	1	13	5					2	3			96
" Clyde	53		53	8	1		1		3				6	13			99
" Coast	26	4	30	9	2	1	5	4					1	2			54
" Greensboro	39	6	45	14	6	2	2	5	1				4	5			78
Grand Total,	204	13	217	51	16	7	28	16	5				18	28			383
" total last ye'r	268	54	321	106	18	9	71	15	6	6		3		37			
Increase								1	5				18				
Decrease,	64	41	104	55	2	2	43			6				9			

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HISTORICAL.

The Virginia and North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized at Portsmouth, Va., January 3rd, 1867, by Bishop Levi Scott. Seven preachers were appointed to the North Carolina District, viz.:

Dr. J. S. Mitchell, Presiding Elder.

W. G. Matton.	Wm. Rawlings.	J. H. Postell.
J. W. Naylor.	H. A. T. Harris.	J. P. Miller.

In 1868 the General Conference ordered the formation of two Conferences out of that territory, fixing the Boundaries so that "North Carolina Conference should include the State of North Carolina, excepting the ten counties west of Watauga county and the Blue Ridge."

The first session of the new Conference was held at Union Chapel, Alexander county, N. C, by Bishop Ames, and twelve preachers received appointments, viz.:

J. S. Mitchell.	J. P. Miller.	E. J. Bird.
W. G. Matton.	J. W. Naylor.	J. M. Welborn.
Wm. Rawlings.	J. N. Barker.	T. W. Matney.
J. H. Postell.	H. A. T. Harris.	Fletcher Gray.

The work was actively pushed among both white and colored people, amid great persecution and mis-representation for 11 years when in 1879 at Greensboro, by authority of the General Conference, the work was separated and the "Southern Central Conference" was formed by Bishop Peck. This Conference comprised the Greensboro and Eastern Districts and W. G. Matton and Wm. Rawlings were appointed Presiding Elders. The first session was held at Concord, N. C., January 28th, 1880, by Bishop Simpson. Nine preachers were present, viz.:

W. G. Matton.	C. G. Deming.	M. C. Smith.
H. Verner.	Wm. Rawlings.	J. N. Barker.
J. Bradshaw.	W. M. Bagby.	J. M. Welborn.

Three Districts were formed, viz.: Blue Ridge, Greensboro, and Eastern, and J. M. Welborn, W. G. Matton and Wm. Rawlings were appointed to them respectively. The membership reported was, including Probationers, 2,596. Church Property, $18,700. Benevolent Collections, $93.69.

By action of the General Conference of 1880 the name was again changed to "Blue Ridge Conference," the boundary of which was the State of North Carolina.

We had appointed a commission, to meet a similar one from the Holston Conference (which we requested them to appoint) for the

purpose of re-adjusting our boundaries so as to include the whole State of North Carolina in our Conference. As they had treated our overtures with silent contempt, we prepared a petition to the ensuing General Conference on the subject, and after patient attendance on the Committee on Boundaries by our delegates, and an application for change of name, the Conference was entered on the list as "No. 5 Blue Ridge Conference shall include the State of North Carolina."

The added territory came to us in October, 1880, and with it several brethren, one of whom was appointed Presiding Elder, but did not accept the appointment, and the work was suffered to drift until the first session of the Blue Ridge Conference, which was held at Leicester, in our own church, January, 20th 1881. Bishop Warren presided. In consequence of very stormy weather and almost impassable roads, the attendance of preachers was very small, and but for the information furnished by Brother Fanning, one of the pioneers of the Holston Conference, the planning of the work would have been extremely difficult. The work was divided into the Asheville, Blue Ridge, Greensboro and Eastern Districts.

This was really the first session of the Blue Ridge Conference. Although the victory was far from being won there was much to encourage, and those who had labored so long and faithfully felt much as a storm-tossed crew when their weather-beaten bark is safely anchored in port. The work was further strengthened in August of this year (1881) by the opening of Brown Seminary, Leicester. Twenty-one preachers received appointments at Leicester:

W. G. Matton.	D. M. Clayton,	J. D. Roberson.
F. M. Fanning.	J. N. Barker.	C. G. Deming.
T. F. Robertson.	M. W. Broyles.	J. R. Cannon.
A. F. Cresswell.	E. C. Reece.	T. Clayton.
M. C. Smith.	F. M. Pressly.	R. M. Witt.
J. F West.	J. G. Trull.	W. M. Bagby.
J. M. Welborn.	W. Rawlings.	T. P. Hampton.

The third session (dating from the organization of the Southern Central Conference) was held at Asheville, 1882, Bishop R. S. Foster presiding. The Eastern District was merged into the Greensboro District, and the white work in South Carolina was added to the Asheville District. Number of members, 4,831. Seventy-nine churches, valued at $37,600.

In 1883, at Gastonia, the Conference was re-districted by Bishop Merrill. W. G. Matton, who had borne the burden so long and faithfully, retired from the Cabinet, and the work was merged into the Asheville and Greensboro Districts with J. D. Roberson and J. M. Welborn, Presiding Elders.

In 1886, at Smith's Chapel, Cabarrus county, the Districts were again changed. Dr. C. S. Long was appointed to Asheville Dis-

trict. J. D. Roberson to Bakersville District, and R. M. Witt to the Statesville District.

Eastern District was again added in 1887, at Asheville, by Bishop Mallalieu, and W. Q. A. Graham was appointed Presiding Elder. T. W. Brown was appointed to Asheville District at this Conference.

In 1888 the Clyde District took place of the Asheville. Boundary of Conference was changed this year by General Conference to include the Croatan Indians.

In 1889 J. R. Cannon was appointed Presiding Elder of the Bakersville, and E. J. Winkler of the Eastern Districts. During this year R. M. Witt went to Heaven and C. W. Smith was appointed to the District.

In 1891 J. D. Roberson was again appointed to Bakersville, and W. Q. A. Graham to Coast (Eastern) Districts, and Greensboro District was reformed from part of the Statesville and E. J. Winkler was appointed to it, Bishop Warren having supervision.

In 1893 J. D. Roberson went to the Holston Conference. A. Graybeal was made Presiding Elder of Bakersville District; E. J. Winkler was changed to Clyde District, and T. W. Brown to Gladstone District. J. F. Matney was appointed Presiding Elder of Clyde District at Smith's Chapel, 1894. Number of members in 1894, including probationers, 7,962; number of churches, 143; estimated value, $88,840.

SESSIONS
—OF THE—
CONFERENCE.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1879 Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer.
	(Changed to) BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.		
1880 Jan. 28 Feb 1,	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton.
1881 Jan. 20-24,	Leicester,	" Warren,	W. G. Matton.
1882 Jan. 19-23,	Asheville,	" Foster,	W. G. Matton.
1883 Jan. 24-29,	Gastonia,	" Merrill,	W. G. Matton.
1884 Jan. 30 Feb 4,	Asheville,	" Bowman,	J. D. Roberson.
1885 Oct. 1-5,	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford.
1886 Oct. 7-11,	Smith's Chapel,	" Walden,	W. T. Ford.
1887 Oct. 19-23,	New Asheville.	" Mallalieu,	W. Q. A. Graham.
1888 Oct. 18-22,	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	W. Q. A. Graham.
1889 Oct. 17-21,	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson.
1890 Oct. 16-20,	Clyde,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson.
1891 Oct. 21-25,	Asheville,	" Warren,	A. Graybeal.
1892 Oct. 13-16,	Poindexter,	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble.
1893 Oct. 12-16,	Daisy,	" Hurst,	W. Q. A. Graham.
1894 Sept. 27 Oct 1,	Smith's Chapel	" Foster,	W. Q. A. Graham.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

1894.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	ORDER.	WHEN & HOW ADMITTED.
Beamon, W. B.,	Eldorado.	Deacon.	1892. Admitted on trial.
Bradly, F. W.,	Gastonia.	"	" " "
Brown, T. W.,	Gladstone.	Elder.	1887. Transferred.
Burnett, J. S.,	Daisy.	"	1888. Admitted on trial.
Cannon, J. R.,	Asheville.	"	1892. " " "
Casstevens, C. F.,	Morehead City.	"	1890. " " "
Clark, F. A. L.,	Lansing.	"	1884. " " "
Christenberry, H. D.,	Huntersville.	"	1884. " " "
Croker, T. C.,	Asheville.	Deacon.	1888. " " "
Cooper, N. M.,	Greensboro.	Elder.	1884. " " "
Dennis, J. L.,	Leicester.	Deacon.	1891. " " "
Evans, W. J.,	Culberson.	Elder.	1888. " " "
Earnhardt, S. A.,	Gladstone.	"	1887. " " "
George, D. S.,	Traphill.	Deacon.	1892. " " "
Gillespie, J. H.,	Boylston.	Elder.	1885. " " "
Graham, W. Q. A.,	Marshallberg.	"	1882. " " "
Graybeal, A.,	Montezuma.	"	1882. " " "
Heath, J. M.,	Zion.	Deacon.	1890. " " "
Hopkins, J. H.,	Inland.	"	1892. " " "
Lanier, D. A.,	Catawba.	Elder.	1890. " " "
Matney, J. F.,	Leicester.	"	1888. " " "
Matney, W. C.,	Montezuma.	"	1889. " " "
Nelson, E. G.,	Clyde.	Deacon.	1889. " " "
Penley, L. J.,	Clyde.	Elder.	1888. " " "
Peeples, A. H.,	Harmony.	"	1885. " " "
Patterson, J. H.,	Marshallberg.	"	1888. " " "
Richardson, D. S.,	Wilkesboro.	Deacon.	1888. " " "
Rhyne, J. J.,	Poindexter.	"	1887. " " "
Rominger, L. A.,	Montezuma.	"	1886. " " "
Smith, C. W.,	Harmony.	Elder.	1885. " " "
Stevenson, J. L.,	Havelock.	Deacon.	1892. " " "
Winkler, E. J.,	Clyde.	Elder.	1885. " " "
West, W. R.,	Ecusta.	Deacon.	1890.
York, J. P.,	Wilmot.	Elder.	1888.

PROBATIONERS.

Anderson, E.,	Bakersville.	Elder.	1893.
Brantly, J. P.,			1894.
Brown, G. W.,	Mt. Bethel.	Licentiate	1893
Crowder, U. S.,	Avon.	"	1892.
Daniels, W. M.,	Gladstone.	"	1894.
Haltum, W C.,	Troy.	"	1894.
Hardesty, J. T.,	Elf.	"	1894.
Matney, G. W.,	Highlands.	"	1893.
Lowrie. H. H.,	Elrod.	Elder.	1893.
Nash, L. C.,	Gray's Chapel.	Licentiate	1893
Prevette, J. L.,		Deacon.	1891.
Robinson, E. S.,	Burnsville.	Licentiate	1893
Rominger, J. H.,	Creston.	"	1892.
Traylor, A.,	Unaka.	"	
Templeton, B.,	Dana.	"	1893.

Sisk, J. A.,	Laurel Springs.	"	1893.	
West, W. E.,	Ocracoke.	"	1893.	
West, M. A.,	Dellwood.	"	1890.	

SUPERNUMERARY.

Ballew, W. A.,	Clyde.	Elder.	1885.	Admitted on trial.
Broyles, W. M.,	Highlands.	"	1881.	" " "
English, A. F.,	Brevard.	"	1881.	Transferred.
Heatherly, J. H.,		Deacon.	1886.	Admitted on trial.
Johnson, A. J.,	Buckshoal.	Elder.	1885.	" " "
Matherson, D. M.,	Dana.	"	1888.	" " "
Rawlings, W.,	Chery Ridge Pa	"	1888.	Restored.
Reynolds, E. H.,	Leicester.	"		Admitted on trial.
Verner, H.,	Settle.	Deacon.	1888.	" " "

SUPERANNUATES.

Matney, T. W.,	Riceville.	Elder.	1880.	Transferred.
Matton, W. G.,	High Point.	"	1880.	"
Franklin, D. N.,	Highlands.	"	1885.	Admitted on trial.

BLUE RIDGE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHUCH.

1894.

OFFICERS.

President—Randolph S. Foster, D. D., LL. D.
Secretary—W. Q. A. Graham.
Assistant Secretary—Adolphus Graybeal.
Statistician—J. S. Burnett.
Treasurer—J. H. Gillespie.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS AND CLASSES.

(To meet the day preceding the opening of next session.)

ADMISSION AND LOCAL ORDERS.

Examiners—J. S. Burnett, A. H. Peeples.
Examiners, Local Orders—F. W. Bradly, N. M. Cooper.

FIRST YEAR.

Examiners—J. H. Gillespie, W. C. Matney.
Class—W. M. Daniels, W. C. Haltum, J. T. Hardesty, Henry H. Lowrie, Geo. W. Brown, Benjamin Templeton.

SECOND YEAR.

Examiners—J. R. Cannon, J. F. Matney.
Class—W. E. West, E. S. Robinson, Edwin Anderson, U. S. Crowder, J. H. Rominger, L. C. Nash, J. A. Sisk, Green W. Matney, M. A. West, A. Traylor, J. L. Prevette.

THIRD YEAR.

Examiners—W. Q. A. Graham, C. W. Smith.
Class—W. B. Beamon, J. H. Hopkins, J. L. Stevenson, F. W. Bradly, J. M. Heath, E. G. Nelson, Hardy Verner, D. S. George.

FOURTH YEAR.

Examiners—A. Graybeal, T. W. Brown.
Class—T. C. Croker, D. S. Richardson, J. J. Rhyne, J. P. York, L. A. Rominger, J. L. Dennis, W. R. West.

CENTRAL COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

President—W. Q. A. Graham, Marshallberg, N. C.
Secretary—J. S. Burnett, Daisy, N. C.
Treasurer—A. H. Peeples, Harmony, N. C.

Term expires in 1895.

T. W. Brown, J. F. Matney, C. W. Smith.

Term expires in 1896.

W. Q. A. Graham, A. Graybeal, A. J. Johnson.

Term expires in 1897.

A. H. Peeples, F. W. Bradly, J. S. Burnett.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President—A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
Vice—J. F. Matney, Clyde, N. C.
Secretary—J. R. Cannon, Asheville, N. C.
Treasurer—J. E. Reed, Asheville, N. C.
Additional Members—H. F. Ketron, J. C. Worley, C. B. Moore, T. C. Croker, Presiding Elders members *ex officio*.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

W. J. Evans. C. W. Smith. W. C. Matney.
T. W. Brown. J. F. Matney. A. H. Peeples.
N. M. Cooper.

RELIEF FUND.

President—
Secretary—A. Graybeal.
Treasurer—J. E. Reed, Asheville, N. C.
Additional Members—W. S. Hyams.

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON.

C. W. Smith.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1 Who have been Received by Transfer?

None.

2 Who have been Re-admitted?

J. P. Brantly, (Located Blue Ridge Conference 1892).

3 Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

4 Who have been Received on Trial?

(*a*) *In Studies of First Year:*

W. M. Daniels, W. C. Haltum, J. T. Hardesty.

(*b*) *In Studies of Third Year:*

John P. Brantly.

5 Who have been Continued on Trial?

(*a*) *In Studies of First Year:*

H. H. Lowrie, G. W. Brown, Benjamin Templeton.

(*b*) *In Studies of Second Year:*

W. E. West, E. S. Robinson, Edwin Anderson, U. S. Crowder, J. H. Rominger, L. C. Nash, J. A. Sisk, Green W. Matney.

(*c*) *In Studies of Third Year:*

J. P. Brantly.

(*d*) *In Studies of Fourth Year:*

None.

6 Who have been Discontinued?

I. S. Walker, A. F. M. Jordan, John M. Current.

7 Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(*a*) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year:*

D. S. George, J. L. Stevenson, F. W. Bradly, W. B. Beamon.

(*b*) *Elected and Ordained Previously:*

None.

8 What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(*a*) *Admitted into Full Membership this Year:*

D. S. George, J. L. Stevenson, F. W. Bradly, W. B. Beamon.

(*b*) *Admitted into Full Membership Previously:*

J. M. Heath (1893), Hardy Verner (1890), E. G. Nelson (1891).

9 What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?

Thomas C. Croker (1890), D. S. Richardson (1888), J. J. Rhyne (1889), James P. York (1890), L. A. Rominger (1887), J. L. Dennis (1891), W. R. West (1890).

10 What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(*a*) *Elected and Ordained Elders this Year:*

C. B. Casstevens.

(*b*) *Elected and Ordained Elders Previously:*

D. A. Lanier.

11 What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(*a*) *As Local Preachers:*

None.

(*b*) *Under Missionary Rule:*

None.

12 What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(*a*) *As Local Deacons:*

None.

(*b*) *Under Missionary Rule:*

None.

13 Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?

Yes.

14 Who have been Tranferred and to what Conference?

J. F. Smith to Oklahoma, J. D. Roberson to Holston.

15 Who have Died?

J. W. Naylor.

16 Who have Located at their Own Request?

C. O. Jones.

17 Who have been Located?

None.

18 Who have Withdrawn?

J. F. West.

19 Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges?

None.

20 Who have been Expelled?

None.

21 What other Personal Notation should be made?

A Committee of five Elders was raised to try charges against E. J. Winkler. J. S. Burnett and W. Q. A. Graham were appointed counsel for the Church, and J. F. Matney was chosen as counsel for the defendant.

22 Who are Supernumerary Preachers?

W. A. Ballew, M. W. Broyles, A. F. English, J. H. Heatherly, A. J. Johnson, D. M. Matherson, W. Rawlings, E. H. Reynolds, H. Verner?

23 Who are Superannuated Preachers?

T. W. Matney, W. G. Matton, D. N. Franklin.

24 Who are the Triars of Appeals?

W. J Evans, C. W. Smith, W. C. Matney, N. M. Cooper, T. W. Brown, J. F. Matney, A. H. Peeples.

25 What is the Statistical Report?

See tables 1, 3 and 4.

26 What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections?

$538 00.

27 What are the claims on the Conference Fund?

$230 00.

28 What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?

See Report of Conference Stewards.

29 Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See Appointments Page.

30 Where shall next Conference be held?

Clyde.

OUR DEAD.

NAME.	DIED.	ADMITTED.	
F. M. Fanning,	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Barker,	1886	1880	" N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt,	1890	1880	" Holston.
D. M. Clayton,	1891	1880	" Holston.
W. F. Parker,	1892	1882	" S. C. Conference.
Wm. Franklin,	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith,	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton,	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor,	1894	1880	From N. C. Conference.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

—MRS. MAKAY.

APPOINTMENTS.

1894.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

ADOLPHUS GRAYBEAL, P. E.

Montezuma, N. C.

Asheville,.....J R. Cannon.
Asheville Circuit,.....T. C. Croker.
Bakersville Circuit,.....Edwin Anderson.
Boone Circuit,..... To be supplied.
Burnsville Circuit, ...E. S. Robinson.
Columbus.....A. S. Beamon.
Creston Circuit,.....J. H. Rominger.
Jefferson Circuit,.....F. A. L. Clark.
Montezuma Circuit,.....W. C. Matney, L. A. Rominger.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

J. F. MATNEY, P. E.

Clyde, N. C.

Boylston Circuit,.....J. H. Gillespie.
Clyde,.....E. G. Nelson.
Clyde Circuit,.....L. J. Penly.
Culberson Circuit,.....W. J. Evans.
Dana Circuit,.....B. Templeton.
Dellwood Circuit,.....M. A. West.
Ecusta Circuit,.....W. R. West.
Elf Circuit,.....J. T. Hardesty.
Highlands Circuit,.....G. W. Matney.
Leicester Circuit,.....J. L. Dennis.
Pisgah Circuit,.....J. P. Brantly.
Unaka Circuit,.....A. Traylor.
Wilmot,.....J. P. York.

GLADSTONE DISTRICT.

T. W. BROWN, P. E.

Gladstone, N. C.

Chandlers Grove Circuit,.....S. A. Earnhardt.
Gray's Chapel Circuit, ... L. C. Nash.
Haw River Circuit,.....N. M. Cooper.
Inland Circuit,.....J. H. Hopkins.
Forsyth,.....J. S. Burnett.
Gladstone Circuit,.....W. M. Daniels.
Huntersville,.....F. W. Bradly.
Pates,.....H. H. Lowrie.
.....W. C. Haltum.

MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT.

W. Q. A. Graham, P. E.

Marshallberg, N. C.

Avon Circuit,.....U. S. Crowder.
Beaufort.....To be supplied.
Bethlehem,.....J. H. Patterson.
Harker's Island,.....To be supplied.
Havelock Circuit,.....J. L. Stevenson.
Morehead City,.....C. F. Casstevens.
Ocracoke,.....W. E. West.
Swansboro Circuit,.....J. H. Fine.
President Graham Academy,.....W. Q. A. Graham.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

C. W. Smith, P. E.

Harmony, N. C.

Catawba Circuit,.....D. A. Lanier.
Gastonia Circuit,.....H. D. Christenberry.
Harmony Circuit,.....A. H. Peeples.
Marion Circuit,.....M. M. Rackford.
Mt. Bethel Circuit,.....G. W. Brown.
Roaring Gap Circuit,.....J. A. Sisk.
Traphill Circuit.....D. S. George.
Wilkesboro Circuit,.....D. S. Richardson.
Yadkinville Circuit,.....J. J. Rhyne.
Zion,.....J. M. Heath.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Bakersville District,.....	$ 200.00
Asheville,.....	95.00
Asheville Circuit,.....	85.00
Bakersville,.....	75.00
Burnsville,.....	90.00
Creston,.....	60.20
Boone,.....	54.00
Montezuma,.....	80.00
Total,.....	$739.20
Clyde District,.....	$ 200.00
Boylston,.....	17.00
Clyde,.....	65.00
Clyde Circuit,.....	20.00
Culberson,.....	70.00
Dana,.....	70.00
Dellwood,.....	80.00
Ecusta,.....	65.00
Elf,.....	70 00
Highlands,.....	100.00
Pisgah,.....	42.20
Unaka,.....	60.00
Wilmot,.....	85.00
Total,.....	$944.20

Gladstone District,	$ 200.00
Gladstone,	40.00
Huntersville,	40.00
Gray's Chapel,	40.00
Inland,	95.00
Forsyth,	80.00
Forsyth Mission,	20.00
Troy,	20.00
Haw River,	60.00
Total,	$595.00
Morehead City District,	$ 225.00
Avon,	80.00
Bethlehem,	35.00
Havelock,	137.20
Morehead City,	140.00
Ocracoke,	65.00
Swansboro,	100.00
Total,	$782.20
Statesville District,	$ 225.00
Catawba,	54.20
Gastonia,	50.00
Harmony,	30.00
Roaring Gap,	70.00
Marion,	40.00
Mt. Bethel,	50.00
Traphill,	50.00
Wilkesboro,	50.00
Yadkinville,	50.00
Zion,	50.00
Total,	$719.20
Grand total appropriated,	$3,780.00
Cash on hand,	$3,780.00

T. W. Brown, Chairman.
W. Q. A. Graham, Secretary.

THE DAILY JOURNAL.

Smith's Chapel, N. C.,
Sept. 27, 1894.

Opening Exercises.—The sixteenth session of Blue Ridge Conference met at Smith's Chapel, Cabarrus county, and was called to order by Bishop Randolph S. Foster, D. D., LL. D., at 10 a.m. September 27th, 1894.

Roll Call.—After devotional exercises, the roll was called by the Secretary and thirty preachers answered to their names, viz.:

T. W. Brown, H. D. Christenberry, J. L. Dennis, W. J. Evans, J. H. Gillespie, W. Q. A. Graham, A. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, A. J. Johnson, D. A. Lanier, W. C. Matney, L. J. Penly, A. H. Peeples, J. J. Rhyne, L. A. Rominger, E. J. Winkler, W. R. West, E. Anderson, W. B. Beamon, U. S. Crowder, D. S. George, J. H. Hopkins, A. F. Jordan, L. C. Nash, E. S Robinson, J. H. Rominger, J. L. Stevenson, B. Templeton, J. A. Sisk, W. E. West.

SECRETARIES.—On motion of A. Graybeal, W. Q. A. Graham was elected Secretary. A. Graybeal was chosen Assistant Secretary.

TREASURER.—On motion of W. Q. A. Graham, J. H. Gillespie was elected Treasurer.

STATISTICIAN.—On motion of E. J. Winkler, J. S. Burnett was elected Statistician.

COMMITTEES.—The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Public Worship—T. W. Brown, F. W. Bradly.

Conference Relations—The Presiding Elders.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Book Concern Accounts—W. J. Evans.

Church Extension—J. F. Matney, W. J. Evans, A. J. Johnson.

Education—W. Q. A. Graham, A. J. Johnson, J. S. Burnett.

Sunday School Union—J. M. Heath, W. C. Matney.

Tracts—F. A. L. Clark, W. R. West, J. H. Rominger.

Sabbath Observance—D. A. Lanier, A. H. Peeples, C. F. Casstevens.

State of the Church—J. H. Gillespie, E. J. Winkler, L. A. Rominger.

Auditing—W. J. Evans, C. F. Casstevens, J. R. Cannon, A. J. Johnson, J. L. Dennis.

Periodicals—W. Q. A. Graham, C. W. Smith, A. Graybeal.

Temperance—F. W. Bradly, J. R. Cannon.

Bible Cause—W. E. West, E. S. Robinson, D. S. George.

Conference Stewards—W. Q. A. Graham, J. M. Heath, J. H. Gillespie.

Memoirs—W. C. Matney.

ADDED—The Examining Committee for the first year were allowed to add one to their committee.

OPENING—Time of opening was fixed at 9 a. m., and closing at 12 M.

THE THIRTEENTH QUESTION—"*Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*" was taken up and A. Graybeal's character passed. He read his report which showed that substantial gains had been made during the past year.

EFFECTIVE ELDERS EXAMINED—J. R. Cannon, F. A. L. Clark, L. A. Rominger were called. There being nothing against them their characters passed, and J. R. Cannon, L. A. Rominger reported:

CLYDE DISTRICT—E. J. Winkler reported verbally. Elders L. J.

Penly, W. A. Ballew, W. J. Evans, D. M. Matherson, M. W. Broyles, J. F. Matney, J. H. Gillespie were passed and reported.

Gladstone District—T. W. Brown's character passed and he made an encouraging report. J. S. Burnett, F. W. Bradley also passed and reported.

Visitors—Rev. G. T. Newcomb, Dean of Theology in U. S. Grant University, was introduced.

Adjournment—Notices were given, Doxology sung and Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

Opening Exercises—Devotional exercises by the Bishop. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Thirteenth Question Resumed—Business was resumed upon the thirteenth question and T. W. Brown called attention that J. H. Gillespie had not reported. After passage of his character he submitted his report.

Morehead City District was taken up. W. Q. A. Graham, P. E., read his report. J. H. Patterson passed and his Presiding Elder reported for him. N. M. Cooper's character passed and he reported.

Statesville District was called, and after the passage of his character C. W. Smith read an encouraging report. H. D. Christenberry, A. H. Peeples, S. A. Earnhardt, A. J. Johnson passed and reported.

Dr. Newcomb—Dr. G T. Newcomb, Dean of Theology in U. S. Grant University, addressed the Conference.

Eighth Question—"*What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*" was taken up. J. M. Heath's character passed and he reported. He, with Hardy Verner and E. G. Nelson, having failed to go before the Committee on Examination, was continued in the third year. J. L. Dennis and W. R. West passed and being favorably reported by the Committee were advanced to the fourth year.

Reports Read—J. H. Gillespie read the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted. E. J. Winkler read a resolution on Plan for Collections, which was adopted.

Twenty-Second Question—"*Who are Supernumerary Preachers?*" was considered. A. F. English, Wm. Rawlings, J. H. Heatherly, C. O. Jones, J. F. West, Hardy Verner, J. F. Smith, E. H. Reynolds, D. N. Franklin were called, passed, and A. F. English, Wm. Rawlings, J. H. Heatherly, Hardy Verner, E. H. Reynolds were continued in that relation.

Twenty-Third Question—"*Who are Superannuates?*" was next considered. J. W. Naylor, W. G. Matton, T. W. Matney were called. J. W. Naylor was reported dead. W. G. Matton's, T. W. Matney's, D. N. Franklin's characters passed.

Thirtieth Question—*Where Shall Next Conference be held?* was answered Clyde, Haywood county, N. C.

FIFTEENTH QUESTION—*Who have died?* J. W. Naylor.

FOURTEENTH QUESTION—*Who have been transferred?* J. F. Smith, J. D. Roberson.

SEVENTEENTH QUESTION—*Who have located?* C. O. Jones.

EIGHTEENTH QUESTION—*Who have withdrawn?* J. F. West.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.—On motion of J. S. Burnett, a committee was appointed to draft a plan to equalize railroad expenses. J. S. Burnett, A. J. Johnson, J. L. Dennis were appointed.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE submitted a report embodying a plan to found a Central College. See report.

FIFTH QUESTION—*Who have been continued on trial?* was asked. After the passage of their characters and the reception of their reports the following brethren were continued on trial and advanced to studies of the second year: W. E. West, E. S. Robinson, Edwin Anderson, U. S. Crowder, G. W. Matney, J. H. Rominger, L. C. Nash; H. H. Lowrie, Geo. W. Brown, Benj. Templeton were continued in the first year.

SIXTH QUESTION—*Who have been discontinued?* Irvin S. Walker, A. F. M. Jordan, John M. Current were discontinued.

SEVENTH QUESTION—*Who have been admitted into full membership?* was asked. D. S. George, J. L. Stevenson, F. W. Bradley, J. H. Hopkins were received to full membership and elected to Deacons orders.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.—The Bishop called the class forward and addressed them, setting forth the duties and responsibilities of men of God.

VISITORS INTRODUCED.—Dr. Solomon Pool, of the M. E. Church, South, and C. G. Montgomery, Esq., were introduced.

CLOSING.—Doxology was sung; benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

OPENING.—Devotional exercises by R. J. Cook, D. D., and Bishop Foster. Journal yesterday read and approved.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.—F. W. Bradly read report of Temperance Committee. W. Q. A. Graham moved an amendment. Report adopted.

QUESTION 1—*Who are received by transfer?* was taken up. None.

QUESTION 2—*Who have been re-admitted?* None.

QUESTION 4—*Who have been received on trial?* W. M. Daniels, W. C. Haltum, J. T. Hardesty were received. E. M. Warden, Eugene Myers, A. L. Johnson were also before the Committee but decided to attend school. The Presiding Elders were permitted to employ J. H. Fine and M. M. Rachford.

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN.—J. S. Burnett called names of charges not reporting.

SUNDRY RESOLUTIONS.—F. W. Bradly read a resolution of thanks to citizens for hospitality. Rev. J. S. Burnett read a resolution concerning U. S. Grant University School of Theology. W. E. West read the report on American Bible Society. J. S. Burnett read a resolution concerning the incorporation of the Conference. J. S. Burnett read report of Committee on Equitable Plan for Conference expenses, which, on motion of J. L. Dennis, was laid on the Table. J. M. Heath read the report of the Conference Stewards, which, after being amended as to appropriation to R. M. Witt's creditors, was adopted.

NINTH QUESTION—*What members are in studies of the fourth year?* D. A. Lanier and C. F. Casstevens were passed and elected to Elders orders. T. C. Croker, D. S. Richardson, J. J. Rhyne, James P. York, L. A. Rominger were continued in the fourth year.

VISITORS INTRODUCED.—Revs. T. W. Smith and Mr. Pool, of the M. E.

Church, South, were introduced. Rev. R. J. Cook, D. D., Vice Chancellor of U. S. Grant University, Chattanooga, Tennessee, was introduced. He addressed the Conference in the interest of that school and also of the *Methodist Advocate-Journal*, of which he is editor.

SUPERNUMERARIES.—W. A. Ballew, A. J. Johnson, D. M. Matherson, M. W. Broyles were made Supernumerary. Chartered Fund and Book Concern drafts were ordered.

AUDITING COMMITTEE reported. Committee on Sunday Schools also reported.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 p. m. Doxology was sung. Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THIRD DAY.

OPENING.—Devotional exercises by A. Graybeal.

PAPERS CONSIDERED.—Bishop Foster called attention to some papers concerning E. J. Winkler. J. S. Burnett and W. Q. A. Graham were appointed to represent the Church and J. F. Matney to represent the defendant. D. N. Matherson, J. H. Gillespie, J. R. Cannon, W. J. Evans, M. W. Broyles were made a committee.

STATISTICS.—J. S. Burnett read statistical report.

APPOINTMENTS MADE.—Triers of Appeals and examiners in each of the four years course of study were appointed. Trustees for the proposed Central College were elected.

J. P. BRANTLY, who had withdrawn at a previous Conference, was received on trial and placed in studies of the third year.

THE METHODIST ADVOCATE-JOURNAL was endorsed as our Conference organ.

ROLL CALLED.—The roll was called for subscription for the minutes. On motion of W. Q. A. Graham the Presiding Elders were instructed to ascertain the pro rata amount necessary to collect from each preacher.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion it was ordered that after the reading of the appointments to-morrow afternoon the Conference adjourn sine die. Notices were given, doxology sung. Benediction by Bishop R. C. Foster.

I certify that the foregoing minutes are correct.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, Secretary.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

CASH ON HAND.

From Collections,	$ 30.00
" Chartered Fund,	25.00
" Book Concern Division,	350.00
Total,	$405 00

PAID.

To John F. Randall on acct. of R. M. Witt,	$ 40.00
" Mrs. D. M. Clayton,	25.00
" " W. F. Parker,	20.00
" " R. A. F. Smith,	25 00
" Miss Bessie Franklin,	20.00
" Rev. T. W. Matney,	25.00
" " W. G. Matton,	25.00
" " J. F. Prevette,	25.00
" Mrs. S. D. Tipton,	25.00
Balance,	175.00
Total,	$405.00
Balance on hand, and paid to J. E. Reed, Treasurer,	$175.00

J. H. GILLESPIE.
J. M. HEATH.
W. Q. A. GRAHAM.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We report that we have examined the Presiding Elders accounts and find them correct.

W. J. EVANS, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, Temperance has ever been one of the cardinal doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic is making fearful inroads upon the youth of our land and is the veritable abomination that maketh desolate.

Resolved, That the manufacture, sale and use, of all intoxicants is a curse to our race and that we will use all lawful means to suppress it.

Resolved further, That we will co-operate with the N. C. Temperance Association to secure prohibitory enactments by our next legislature.

Respectfully,

T. W. BRADLY.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

WHEREAS, The design of the gospel is to elevate and save mankind in tellectually, socially, and spiritually ; and

WHEREAS, The spirit of Methodism is fully in harmony with the above principles. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That it is with sorrow that we recite the fact that in many places the class meeting has become a dead letter ; prayer meetings are not held and the church is cold and formal and unwilling to contribute to the benevolences or do other work for Christ.

Resolved, 2nd. That each pastor see that class meetings and prayer meetings be held in every class and that Epworth Leagues be organized wherever practicable and that each Presiding Elder ask at each Quarterly Conference the question, "Have Class Meetings been held ?"

Resolved, 3rd. That we rejoice to note the fact that the Methodist Episcopal Church has made considerable progress in many respects in the State of North Carolina and we pray that our preachers and people may consecrate themselves more fully to the service of the Lord.

J. H. GILLESPIE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Your committee beg leave to report. We unanimously endorse the following schools : U. S. Grant University, Fairview College, Aaron Seminary, and Graham Academy.

These schools are doing much to develop the native talent in this Southland and prepare our ministry for aggressive work, but it must be strikingly apparent to every one that something more and better is needed in the bounds of Blue Ridge Conference.

After 26 years of trial and expenditure, we have begun our second quarter centennial with such great need of the continued fostering care of the church that we ought to carefully scrutinize our methods and make some changes that will lead to better results in the future.

Highly as we esteem the work accomplished by U. S. Grant University, we can but be fully convinced that the help we can receive from that institution has not been and cannot be all that we need.

We need an institution of high grade in the bounds of our own Conference around which, as a rallying point, we can concentrate the loyalty of our people.

The Baptists have Wake Forest, the Presbyterians have Davidson College, the Southern Methodists Trinity, the Quakers Guilford, and these are to them the shrines upon which they offer their devotions to their denominational faith.

Our church needs to be institutional as well as connectional and if we would succeed in future years we must at this late day begin to lay foundations that should have been begun twenty years ago. Therefore,

Resolved, That we appoint a Board of Trustees, and a Financial Agent.

That they be instructed to secure a campus at some convenient point on some leading railroad, and as early as possible begin the erection of suitable buildings for a Central College.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Q. A. GRAHAM.
J. S. BURNETT.
A. J. JOHNSON.

CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

Total amount on hand October, 1893	$ 811.00
Interest on above to September, 1894	57.53
Amount received from Conference, 1893	24.00
Interest on same for 8 months	1.28
Total	$893.81

J. E. REED, Treasurer.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The Bible is the greatest and best of all books, a sure guide to truth, justice, holiness and sanctification, and intended and adapted to the civilization and salvation of the kingdoms and nations of earth, leading all who obey its teachings to the highest possible standard of civil and religious purity, and whereas the American Bible Society is doing a grand and glorious work in printing and circulating the word of God among all classes of society, therefore

RESOLVED, That we as pastors will do more in the future to assist this great agency in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures among our people than we have hitherto done by faithfully presenting its claims and taking collections for the same. W. E. WEST, Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, There is a growing tendency in the evil of Sabbath desecration in the present age, therefore as ministers of the gospel of Christ we

RESOLVE, 1st, That we will remember and heed the fourth commandment.

2nd, That we will preach at least one sermon a year to each of our congregations on the commandment.

3rd, That we will teach by precept and example the importance of preparation for the Sabbath day.

D. A. Lanier, Chairman.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

WHEREAS, Rev. John W. Naylor, one of our beloved brethren, a superannuate of our Conference, has passed away since our last annual meeting,

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our most sincere sympathy for the bereaved family and relatives, and we pray that God's blessings and grace may abide upon them. W. C. Matney,
J. H. Gillespie.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the members of this Conference do hereby tender their thanks to the people around Smith's Chapel for their kindness and hospitality during their stay among them. F. W. BRADLY.

RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks to the Southern Railway Co. for the favor of conference rates. N. M. COOPER.

CHANGE OF TIME.

RESOLVED, That we ask the Board of Bishops to change the time of holding our annual sessions of Blue Ridge Conference to a date later in the year—November or December. W. Q. A. Graham,
J. P. Brantly.

ADVOCATE-JOURNAL.

RESOLVED, That we as a Conference will stand by the Methodist Advocate-Journal, edited by Dr. R. J. Cook, and that we will endeavor to put it into every home in our Conference. A. GRAYBEAL,
T. W. BROWN.

BENEVOLENCES.

RESOLVED, That we urge each pastor to get every member and probationer in the church to contribute something for all of the Benevolences. And the pastors are urged to begin this work immediately after Conference and continue the effort to raise the assessments until the amounts are raised.

TO INCORPORATE.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Conference is hereby instructed to petition the next General Assembly of this State, over his own and the Bishop's signature, in behalf of the Conference for the purpose of incorporating the Blue Ridge Conference with such privileges as are usually given such Conferences. J. S. BURNETT.

U. S. GRANT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

RESOLVED, That we heartily endorse the School of Theology of U. S. Grant University and urge our young men to avail themselves of the advantages of this School of the Prophets, if possible.

2nd. That the Conference appoint the Presiding Elders as visitors to the school for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED, 3rd. That we highly appreciate the visit of Rev. G. T. Newcomb, D. D., Dean of Theology of U. S. Grant University, and will welcome him to our Conference any time he may be able to come.

J. S. BURNETT.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

I hereby certify that in Smith's Chapel, on Sunday, September, 30th, 1894, I ordained D. S. GEORGE, J. L. STEVENSON, F. W. BRADLY, W. B. BEAMON, as Deacons. And at the same place and time, assisted by R. J. Cook, W. Q. A. Graham, T. W. Brown, C. W. Smith, and A. Graybeal, I ordained COLUMBUS F. CASSTEVENS as an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. R. S. FOSTER.

Statistics No. 1, Blue Ridge Conference for 1893-94.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM		SUNDAY S. S			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	No. Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children Baptiz'd	Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch'rch Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.
BAKERSVILLE.																
Asheville	1	75	1	...	3	6	1	9	94	1	$9 000	1	$1 000	$.....	$ 200	$2 300
Asheville Circuit	6	154	2	...	.....	2	3	15	75	5	3 600	1	300	.....	.....	425
Marshall Mission																
Bakersville	43	226	2	5	8	18	7	28	275	4	4 500	1	150	15	.....	.....
Bakersville Circuit																
Boone	5	118	2	...	.....	5	...	.....	.....	4	1 500	...	.....	20	.....	.....
[illegible]	20	232	1	...	.....	4	5	32	260	4	5 600	..	.....	175	275	250
Toe River	5	55	...	2	.....	...	2	8	60	1	600	1	400	.....	.....	.....
Total	176	1471	13	15	18	91	29	136	1114	29	30 700	4	1 850	745	475	2 975
CLYDE.																
Beaver Dam	6	89	...	1	2	4	2	12	100	2	650	1	450	.....	.....	.....
Boyleston	6	150	1	...	4	13	2	10	80	2	1 800	1	250	.....	.....	.....
Bryson City	6	86	2	...	.....	12	2	10	150	3	1 300	...	.....	.....	20	100
Clyde	.....	123	1	...	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1 500	1	650	.....	.....	.....
Clyde Circuit	35	227	3	2	5	13	7	35	235	5	3 500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colberson	10	112	...	2	2	3	2	18	125	.....	.....	1	300	.....	.....	15
Franklin	9	121	1	1	....	1	1	6	55	1	600	1	200	.....	.....	.....
Glenville	17	95	3	...	.....	.....	4	12	50	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haysville	6	135	...	...	2	5	2	10	40	2	1 000	1	150	.....	.....	.....
Hendersonville	3	104	1	1	8	.....	1	4	25	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highlands	5	70	...	1	.....	1	1	6	35	1	800	..	.....	20	.....	100
Jonathan's Creek	5	85	1	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1	1 000	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leicester	15	255	1	1	17	10	4	18	275	4	3 000	1	400	500	6	175
Murphy	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

Laurel Springs	44	118	1	...	.....	11	3	12	210	2							
Marion	40	257	...	1	....	4	3	25	275	6	1	400	...	.....	100	.....	.....
Mount Bethal..	14	160	1	...	.....	....	5	25	170	3	1	400	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trap Hill..	12	150	2	1	.....	5	3	15	140	2		800	1	300	.....	.....	.....
Wilkesboro	18	157	2	2	.....	5	3	14	152	4	1	400	...	.....	.....	150	.....
Yadkinville	9	280	2	3	.....	11	4	35	200	4	1	300	1	300	.....	30	.....
Zion	20	299	1	1	2	9	7	44	429	7	2	800	...	.....	425	.....	.....
Total	204	1952	12	12	38	71	36	218	2089	45	16	100	4	1 100	925	180	.....
Bakersville District	176	1471	13	15	18	91	29	136	1114	29	30	700	4	1 850	745	475	2 975
Gladstone District	289	1289	8	14	64	55	35	177	1535	33	14	690	2	650	740	.....	430
Clyde District	146	1806	15	12	43	76	33	165	1370	28	18	650	8	2 900	601	26	309
Moreh'd City District	64	565	7	1	16	22	11	55	665	10	10	400	2	1 600	420	45	.....
Grand Total	879	7083	55	54	179	315	143	751	6773	145	90	540	20	8 100	3 431	726	3 795
" " last year	969	6675	54	45	188	183	132	610	6316	147	89	250	19	8 000	2 637	291	2 601
Increase	.....	408	1	9	.....	132	11	141	457	.....	1	290	1	100	794	435	1 194
Decrease	90	.....	...	...	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....		...	.....	.....	.....	.....

Statistics No. 3, Blue Ridge Conference for 1893-'94.

NAME OF CHARGE. / DISTRICTS.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTORS' SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	RECEIPTS. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Sup'rt of Bishops. Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Conference Claimants. Received from Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.	Total.	Current Expenses. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
BAKERSVILLE.																		
Asheville	J. R. Cannon	$ 600	$ 100	$ 700	$ 275	$ 100	$ 375	$ 325	$ 40	$ 22	$ 1						$ 50	30
Asheville Circuit	J. P. York	175	30	205	155	30	185	20	24	24	1	$ 1					10	10
Marshall Mission	J. P. York																	
Bakersville	Edwin Anderson	300		300	112	36	148	152		16		1						
Bakersville Circuit	Edwin Anderson																	
Boone	J. J. Rhyne	100		100	65		65	35	20	10			$ 1			$ 1		
Burnsville	E. S. Robinson	175		175	50		50	125	20	6	1							
Creston	J. H. Rominger	107		107	50		50	57	20	18								6
Jefferson	F. A. L. Clark	300	30	330	202	30	232	98	40	34	1	1	1			1		10
Montezuma	W. C. Matney	320		320	127		127	193	50	22	1	1	2			2		
Cranberry	W. C. Matney																	
Montezuma Circuit	W. C. Matney																	
Toe River	L. A. Rominger	20		20	12		12	8	5	2								
Total		$ 2097	$ 160	$ 2257	$ 1048	$ 196	$ 1244	$ 1013	$ 219	$ 154	$ 5	$ 4	$ 4			$ 4	$ 80	56
CLYDE.																		
Beaver Dam	A. Taylor	150	50	200	50	50	100	100	20	19	1		1			1		2
Boyl s on	L. J. Penley	165		165	150		150	15	20	19			1			1		
Bryson City	Benj. Templeton	100		100	18		18	82	15	10	1							2
Clyde	W. A. Ballew																	
Clyde Circuit	D. S. Richardson	275		275	47		47	228	20	20								15
Culberson	W. J. Evans	150	25	175	118	25	143	32	16	15	1		2			2		5
Franklin	M. G. Ledford	100		100	35		35	65	12	6	2							
Glenville	J. D. Jones																	
Haysville	E. G. Nelson	150	25	175	40	25	65	110	15	4	1							1
Hendersonville	D. M. Matherson	60		60	30		30	30	12	8	1							
Highlands	M. W. Broyles	75	13	88	13		13	62	12	5	1							
Jonathan's Creek	M. A. West																	
Leicester	J. F. Matney	300		300	243		243	57	20	20	1		3			3		15
Murphy	G. W. Matney																	
Pisgah	J. H. Gillespie	150	50	200	100	50	150	50	20	19	1	1	1			1	20	16
Transylvania	G. W. Matney	75	4	79	75	4	79		10	7								3
Total		1750	167	1917	919	154	1073	813	192	152	10	1	8			8	20	59
GLADSTONE.																		
Belfast	W. B. Beamon	70		70					5									
Centre	W. N. Lomax	70		70	46		46	24		5								
Eagle Springs	J. H. Hopkins	90		90	114		114		15	17	1	1						
Eldorado	J. L. Dennis	265	12	217	138	12	150	67	24		1	1	1			1		10
Forsyth	J. S. Burnett	160		160	145		145	15	15	15	1							20
Gladstone	G. W. Brown	115	27	142	65	27	92	50	20	15	1							
Huntersville	F. W. Bradley	210		210			90	120	21	10	1							
Pates	H. H. Lowrie	160		160	103		103	57										
Stanley	Chas. L. Nash				12		12											
Troutman's	A. F. Jordan	25		25	7		7	18										
Totals		1105	39	1144	630	39	759	351	100	62	5	2	1			1		20

Avon	T. C. Croker	170		170	123		123	47	40	25			4				6		13
Beaufort	C. F. Casstevens	30	30	60	20	30	50	10	10	2							1		1
Morehead City	C. F. Casstevens																		
Bethlehem	J. H. Patterson	200	60	260	122	60	182	78	20	20	2	1	2			2	10		15
Harker's Island	U. S. Crowder.	50		50	26		26	24	5	3	1						1		
Ocracoke	W. E. West	100		100	125		125		20	20	1						15		
Swansboro	W. R. West	115		115	50		50	60											
Wildwood	N. M. Cooper	40		40	35		35	5	6	4									
Total		705	90	795	501	90	591	224	101	74	4	1	6			2	33		29
STATESVILLE.																			
Catawba	D. A. Lanier	35		35	29		29	6	10	1	1								
Gastonia	H. D. Christenburg	300		300	114		114	186	20	5									4
Harmony	A. J. Johnson	200		200	135		135	65	20	15	1	1	3			3			
Laurel Springs	James A. Sisk	95		95	52		52	43	10	5									
Marion	A. H. Peeples.	150		150	150		150		30	5	1								
Mt. Bethel	J. M. Current	65		65	50		50	15	12	7	1								
Wilkesboro	J. L. Stevenson.	100		100	82		82	18	12	4	1	1	1			1			
Trap Hill	J. M. Heath	120	36	156	70	36	106	50	10	5									
Yadkinville	D. S. George	100		100	63		63	37	20		1		1			1			
Zion	S. A. Earnhardt	180		180	87		87	93	25	18	1	1	1			1			
Total		1345	36	1381	832	36	868	513	169	65	7	3	6			6			4
Bakersville District		2097	160	2257	1048	196	1244	1013	219	154	5	4	4			4	80		56
Clyde District		1750	167	1917	919	154	1073	813	192	152	10	1	8			8	20		58
Gladstone District		1105	39	1144	630	39	759	351	100	62	5	2	1			1			30
Morehead City Dist		705	0	795	501	90	591	224	101	74	4	1	6			2	33		29
Grand Total		7002	492	7494	3930	515	4535	2914	783	497	31	11	25			21	153		169
" " last year.		6474	478	6872	3961	442	4291	2501	754	543	28	15	18	1	3	16	193		185
Increase		528	14	622		73	244	413	24			3		7			5		
Decrease					31					61		4			1	3		40	16

Total	60	24	84	14	2	1	13	3		1		1	3	3	1	
CLYDE.																
Beaver Dam	4	2	6	3										1		
Boyleston	10		10	2			1					1		2		
Bryson City	1		1													
Clyde																
Clyde Circuit	4		4													
Colberson	4		4	1	1									2		
Franklin																
Glenville																
Haysville																
Hendersonville	3		3											1		
Highlands	1		1													
Jonathan's Creek																
Leicester	12		12	5	1	1	2	1		1				3		
Pisgah	11	3	14	1	1			3					1	1		
Murphy																
Transylvania	4		4	2			1									
Total	54	5	59	14	3	1	4	4		1		1	1	10		
GLADSTONE.																
Belfast																
Centre																
Eagle Springs		10	10	1				10					1			
Eldorado	10		10	4	1			1					1	1		
Forsyth	2	22	24		1			14								
Gladstone	5	1	6	3			1	1	10				1	3		
Huntersville			27		1	1		4								
Pates																
Stanley	4		4													
Troutmans																
Total	21	33	81	8	3	1	1	30	10				3	4		
MOREHEAD CITY.																
Avon	7		7	4	1									4		
Beaufort																
Morehead City	3		3	1												
Bethlehem	20		20	2			2					1	1	2		
Hearker's Island	1		1	1	1											
Ocracoke	3		3	1												
Swansboro	4		4													
Wild Wood	3		3													
Total	41		41	9	2		2					1	1	6		
STATESVILLE.																
Catawba	1		1	1												
Gastonia	4		4	3												
Harmony	15		15	8	1	1	7		2				1	3		
Laurel Springs	4		4	1			1									
Marion	2		2													
Mount Bethal	1		1													
Trap Hill	3		3	1			1							1		
Wilkesboro	1		1										1	1		
Yadkinville	8		8	3	1		1						1	1		

Statistics No. 4, Blue Ridge Conference for 1893-94.

NAMES OF CHARGES. — DISTRICIS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	MISSIONS.							EDUCAT'N.								
	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Chidren's Fund.	Other Educational Objects	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.
BAKERSVILLE.																
Asheville	10	20	30	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Asheville Circuit } ...	5	.....	5	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall Mission }																
Bakersville }	10	.....	10	3	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Bakersville Circuit }																
Boone	1	.....	1	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Burnsville	8	.....	8	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Creston..	2	.....	2	2	.....	...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	10	4	14	4	1	...	2	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....
Montezuma }	14	.....	14	5	1	1	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....
Cranberry }																
Montezuma Circuit }																
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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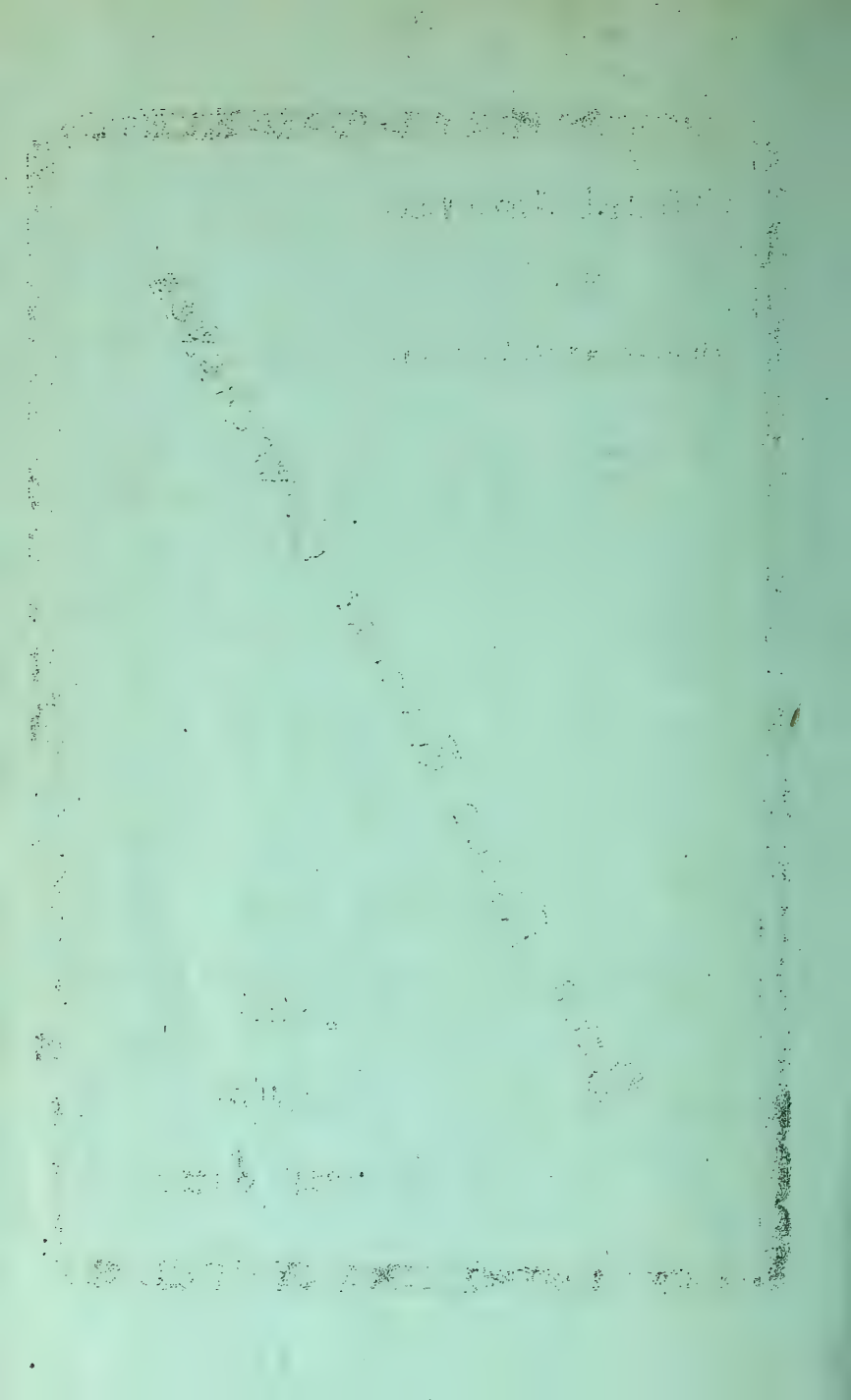

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HISTORICAL.

The Virginia and North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized at Portsmonth, Va., January 3rd, 1867, by Bish. Levi Scott. Seven preachers were appointed to the North Carolina District, viz.:

Dr. J. S. Mitchell, Presiding Elder.

W. G. Matton.	Wm. Rawlings.	J. H. Potsell.
J. W. Naylor.	H. A. T. Harris.	J. P. Miller

In 1868 the General Conference ordered the formation of two Conferences out of that territory, fixing the Boundries so that "North Carolina Conference should include the State of North Carolina, excepting the ten counties west of Watauga county and the Blue Ridge."

The first session of the new Conference was held at Union Chapel, Alexander county, N. C., by Bishop Ames, and twelve preachers received appointments, viz.:

J. S. Mitchell	J. P. Miller	E. J. Bird
W. G. Matton	J. W. Naylor	J. M. Welborn
Wm. Rawlings	J. N. Barker	T. W. Matney
J. H. Postell	H. A. T. Harris	Fletcher Gray

The work was actively pushed among both white and colored people, amid great persecution and mis-representation for 11 years when in 1879 at Greensboro, by authority of the General Conference, the work was separated and the "Southern Central Conference" was formed by Bishop Peck. This Conference comprised the Greensboro and Eastern Districts and W. G. Matton and Wm. Rawlings were appointed Presiding Elders. The first session was held at Concord, N. C., January 28th, 1880, by Bishop Simpson. Nine preachers were present, viz:

W. G. Matton	C. G. Deeming	M. C. Smith
H. Verner	Wm. Ramlings	J. N. Barker
J. Bradshaw	W. M. Bagby	J. M. Welborn

Three Districts were formed, viz: Blue Ridge, Greensboro and Eastern, and J. M. Welborn, W. G. Matton and Wm. Rawlings were appointed to them respectively. The membership reported was, including Proabitioners, 2,596. Church Property $18.700, Benevolent Collections, $93.69.

By action of the General Conference of 1880 the name was again changed to "Blue Ridge Conference," the boundry of which was the State of North Carolina.

We had appointed a commission, to meet a similar one from the Holston Conference (which we requested them to appoint) for the purpose of re-adjusting our boundries so as to include the whole

State of North Carolina in our Conference. As they had treated our overatures with silent contempt, we prepared a petition to the ensuing General Conference on the subject, and after patient attendance on the Committee on Boundries by our delegates, and an application for change of name, the Conference was entered on the list as "No. 5 Blue Ridge Conference shall include the State of North Carolina."

The added territory came to us in October 1880, and with it several bretheren, one of whom was appointed Presiding Elder, but did not accept the appointment, and the work was suffered to drift until the first session of the Blue Ridge Conference, which was held at Leicester, in our own church, January, 20th. 1881. Bishop Warren presided. In consequence of very stormy weather and almost impassable roads, the attendance of preachers was very small, and but for the information furnished by Brother Fanning, one of the pioneers of the Holston Conference, the planning of the work would have been extremely difficult. The work was divided into the Asheville, Blue Ridge, Greensboro and Eastern Districts.

This was really the fist session of the Blue Ridge Conference. Although the victory was far from being won there was much to encourage, and those who had labored so long and faithfullp felt much as a storm tossed crew when their weather-beaten bark is safely anchored in port. The work was further strenghened in August of this year (1881) by the opening of Brown Seminary, Leicester. Twenty-one preachers received appointments at Leicester:

W. G. Matton	D. M. Clayton	J. D. Roberson
F. M. Fanning	J. N. Barker	C. G. Deming
T. F. Robertson	M. W. Broyles	J. R. Cannon
A. F. Cresswell	F. C. Reece	T. Clayton
M. C. Smith	F. M. Pressly	R. M. Witt
. F. West	J. G. Trull	W. M. Bagby
J. M. Welborn	W. Rawlings	T. P. Hampton

The third session (dating from the organization of the Southern Central Conference) was held at Asheville, 1882, Bishop R. S. Foster presiding. The Eastern District was merged into the Greensboro District, and the white work in South Carolina was added to the Asheville District Number of members, 4831, Seventy-nine churches, valued at $37,600.

In 1883, at Gastonia, the Conference was re-districted by Bishop Merrill. W. G. Matton, who had borne the burden so long and faithfully, retired from the Cabinet, and the work was merged into the Asheville and Greensboro Districts with J. D. Roberson and J. M. Welborn Presiding Elders.

In 1886, at Smiths Chapel, Cabarrus county, the Districts were again changed. Dr. C. S. Long was appointed to Asheville District. J. D. Roberson to Bakerville District, and R. M. Witt to the Statesville District.

Eastern District was again added in 1887, at Asheville, by Bishop Mallalieu, and W. Q. A. Graham was appointed Presiding Elder. T. W. Brown was appointed to Asheville District at this Conference.

In 1888 the Clyde District took place of the Asheville. Boundary of Conference was changed this year by General Conference to include the Croatan Indians.

In 1889 J. R. Cannon was appointed Presiding Elder of the Bakersville, and E J. Winkler of the Eastern Districts. During this year R. M. Witt went to Heaven and C. W. Smith was appointed to the District.

In 1891 J. D. Roberson was again appointed to Bakersville, and W. Q. A. Graham to Coast (Eastern) Districts, and Greensboro District was reformed from part of the Statesville and E. J. Winkler was appointed to it, Bishop Warren having supervision.

In 1893 J. D. Roberson went to the Holston Conference. A. Graybeal was made Presiding Elder of Bakersville District; E. J. Winkler was changed to Clyde District, and T. W. Brown to Gladstone District. J. F. Matney was appointed Presiding Elder of Clyde District at Smiths Chapel, 1894.

In 1895 the Statesville District was stricken from the list and Asheville District was formed partly from it, but largely from new territory. A. J. Johnson was appointed Presiding Elder of the Asheville, and J. S. Burnette of the Morehead City Districts. The membership this year including proabitioners, is 8,293. No. of churches 146, valued at $85,440.

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1879 Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer
(Changed to) BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE			
1880 Jan 28 Feb 1	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton
1881 Jan. 20 24	Leicester,	" Warren,	"
1882 " 19-23	Asheville,	" Foster,	"
1883 " 24 29	Gastonia,	" Merrill,	"
1884 " 30 Feb 4	Asheville,	" Bowman,	J. D. Roberson
1885 Oct. 1 5	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford
1886 " 7 11	Smiths Chapel,	" Walden,	"
1887 " 19 23	New Asheville,	" Mallalieu	W. Q. A. Graham
1888 " 18 22	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald	"
1889 " 17 21	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson
1890 " 16-20	Clyde,	" "	"
1891 " 21-25	Asheville	" Warren,	A. Graybeal
1892 " 13 16	Poindexter,	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble
1893 " 12 16	Daisy,	" Hurst,	W. Q. A. Graham
1894 Sept 27 Oct 1	Smiths Chapel	" Foster,	"
1895 Oct 9-14	Clyde,	" Mallalieu	A. Graybeal

CONFERENCE ROLL.

1895.

NAME	POST OFFICE	ORDER	WHEN & HOW ADMITED
Anderson, E.	Bakersville.	Elder.	1893. Admitted on trial
Ballew, W. A.	Boylston	"	1885 " " "
Brantly, J. P.	Catawba.	"	1894. " " "
Brown, T. W.	Gladstone.	"	1887. Transferred
Burnett, J. S.	Morehead City	"	1888. Admitted on trial
Casstevens, C. F.	Ocracoke	"	1890. " " "
Clark, F. A. L.	Montezuma.	"	1884. " " "
Croker, T. C.	Asheville.	"	1888. " " "
Crowder. U. S.	Avon.	Deacon.	1892. " " "
Cooper, N. M.	Greensboro.	Elder.	1884. " " "
Dennis, J. L.	Leicester.	"	1891 " " "
Evans, W. J.	Troy.	Elder.	1888. " " "
Earnheardt, S.A.	Gladstone.	"	1887. " " "
George, D. S.	Daisy.	"	1892. " " "
Gillespie, J. H.	Chatanooga T.	Elder.	1885. " " "
Graham, W. Q. A.	Marshallburg	"	1882. " " "
Graybeal, A.	Montezuma.	"	" " " "
Heath, J. M.	Harmony.	Deacon.	1890 " " "
Hopkins, J. H.	Gladstone.	"	1892. " " "
Johnson, A. J.	Buckshoal	Elder.	1885. " " "
Lanier, D. A.	Zion.	"	1890. " " "
Matney, G. W.	Highlands.	Deacon.	1893. " " "
" J. F.	Clyde.	Elder.	1888. " " "
" W. C.	"	"	1889. " " "
Nelson, E. G.	Harrunan Tenn.	Deacon	" " " "
Penley, L. J.	Leicester.	Elder.	1888. " " "
Pattesson, J. H.	Huntersville.	"	" " " "
Richardson, D. S.	Wilkesboro.	Deacon.	" " " "
Rhyne, J. J.	Poindexter.	"	1887 " " "
Robinson, E. S.	Skyland.	"	1893 " " "
Rominger, J. H.	Lansing.	"	1892 " " "
" L. A.	Culberson.	"	1886 " " "
Sisk, J. A.	Traphill.	"	1893 " " "
Stevenson, J. L.	Swansboro.	"	1892 " " "
Templeton, B.	Chatanooga Tenn.	"	1893 " " "
West, W. R.	Unaka.	"	1890 " " "
	PROBATIONERS.		
Beaman, A. S.	Columbus.	Licentiate	1895 " " "
Brown, G. W.	Mt. Bethel.	"	1893 " " "
Daniels, W. M.	Gastonia.	Licentiate	1894 " " "
Doub, J. N. S.	Panther Creek	"	1895 " " "
Haltum, W. C.	Chatanooga Tenn	"	1894 " " "
Hardesty, J. T.	Newport.	"	" " " "

Ledford, M. G.	Sylva.	"	1895	"	"	"
Moore, W. S.	Beaufort	"	"	"	"	"
Nash, L. C.	Gray's Chapel	"	1893	"	"	"
Ratchford, M. M.	Nealsville.	"	1895	"	"	"
Traylor, A.	Cashiers.	Deacon		"	"	"
Tucker, J. B.	Boone	"	1895	"	"	"
Ursey, J. F.	Burnsville.	Licentiate	"	"	"	"
Warden, C. M.	Creston.	"	"	"	"	"
West, M. A.	Dellwood.	"	1890	"	"	"

SUPERNUMERARY

Beaman, W. B.	Troy	Deacon	1892	"	"	"
Bradley, F. W.	Gastonia	"		"	"	"
Broyles, M. W.	Highlands	Elder	1881	"	"	"
Cannon, J. R.	Washington D. C."		1882	"	"	"
Christenberry, H. D.		"	1884	"	"	"
English, A. F.	Brevard	"	1881	Transferred.		
Matherson, D. M.	Elf	"	1888	Admitted on trial		
Rawlings, W.	Chery Ridge Pa	"	"	Restored.		
Reynolds, E. H.	Morristown Tenn	"		Admitted on trial		
Smith, C. W.	Harmony	"	1885	"	"	"
Verner, H.	Settle	Deacon	1888	"	"	"
Winkler, E. J.	Wilkesboro	Elder	"	"	"	"
York, J. P.	Daisy	"	"	"	"	"

SUPERANUATES

Franklin, D. N.	Sylva	"	"	"	"	"
Matton, W. G.	High Point	"	1880	Transferred.		
Peeples, A. H.	Nealsville	"	1885	Admitted on trial		

BLUE RIDGE ANNUAL CONFERENCE,
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
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OFFICERS

PRESIDENT—W. F. Mallalieu, D. D.
SECRETARY—A. Graybeal
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CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

EXAMINERS

(To meet the day preceeding the opening of the session.)

ADMISSION AND LOCAL ORDERS

EXAMINERS—J. S. Burnett, G. W. Matney
EXAMINERS, LOCAL ORDERS—W A. Ballew, N. M. Cooper

FIRST YEAR

EXAMINERS—J. H. Gilespie, W. C. Matney

SECOND YEAR

EXAMINERS—W. Q. A. Graham, C. W. Smith

THIRD YEAR

EXAMINERS—W. C. Matney, J L. Dennis

FOURTH YEAR

EXAMINERS—A. Graybeal, T. W. Brown

CENTRAL COLLEGE TRUSTEES

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TREASURY—A. H. Peeples, Nealsville, N. C.

TERM EXPIES IN 1896

W. Q A. Graham, A. Graybeal, A. J. Johnson

TERM EXPIRES IN 1897

A. H. Peeples, F. W. Bradly, J. S. Burnett

TERM EXPIRES IN 1898

T. W. Brown, J. F. Matney, C. W. Smith

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENTION

PRESIDENT—T. W. Brown, Gladstone
VICE—A. J. Johnson, Buckshoal
SECRETARY—W. J. Evans, Troy
TREASURER—J. E. Saunders, Troy
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS—W. S. Walker, W. A. Parsons, F. M. Keith
J. H Patterson, D. S. George, Presiding Elders members EX OFFICIO

TRIERS OF APPEALS

W. J. Evans, C. W. Smith, W. C. Matney
T. W. Brown, J. F. Matney, D. M. Matheson
N. M. Cooper

RELIEF FUND

PRESIDENT—A. Graybeal, SECRETARY—W. Q A. Graham
TREASURER—C. B. Moore, ADDITIONAL MEMBERS—Presiding Elders.

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON

Edwin Anderson.

Diciplinary Questions.

1 Who have been Received by Transfer? None
2 Who have been Re admitted? None
3 Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None
4 Who have been Received on trial?
A In Studies of the First Year
J. B. Tucker, M M. Ratchford, M. L. Ledford, A. S. Beaman, J F. Ursey, C. M. Warden, W. S. Moore, J. N. S. Doub
5 Who have been Continued on Trial?
A In Studies of First Year
J. T. Hardesty, H. H. Lowrie
B In Studies of Second Year
Wm. M. Daniel, Wm, C. Holston, B. Templeton, Geo. W. Brown, M. M. Ratchford, H. H. Lowrie, C. L. Nash, A. Traylor, M. A. West
C In Studies oo Third Year
J. P. Brantly
6 Who have been Discontinued? None

7 Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
A Elected and Ordained Deacons this yeer
B. Templeton, J. H. Rominger, E. S. Roberson, U. S. Crowder, E. Anderson, J. A. Sisk, G. W. Matney
8 What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
A Admitted into Full Membership this year
Same as Answer Question 7
B Admitted into Full Membership previously
W. B. Beaman, H. Verner, J. H. Hopkins, James L. Stevenson, J. M. Heath, F. W. Bradley
9 What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
D. S. George, E G. Nelson, J. P. York, J J. Rhyne, W. R. West, D. S. Richardson
10 What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
A Elected and Ordained Elders this year
J. L. Dennis, L. A. Rominger, T. C. Croker
11 What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
A As Local Preachers
D. C. Norman
12 What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? None
13 Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
This was strictly attended to
14 Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?
W. E. West, to Wilmington
15 Who have Died? T. W. Matney
16 Who have been Located at their own request? None
17 Who have been Located? None
18 Who have Withdrawn? None
19 Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints None
20 Who have been Expelled? None
21 What other personal Notation should be made?
(A)J.B.Tucker, from M. E.South(A)John Leveret,from Baptist
22 Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
H. D. Christenbury, J. R. Cannon, M. W. Broyles, C W. Smith, F. W. Bradley, W B. Beaman, E. J. Winkler, E. H Reynolds, A. F. English, Wm. Rawlings, J. P. York
23 Who are the Superanuated Preachers?
A. H. Peeples, W. G. Matton, D. N. Franklin
24 Who are the Triers of Appeals?
W. J. Evans, T. W. Brown, N. M. Cooper, C. W. Smith, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, D. M. Matheson
25 What is the Statistical Report for this year? See tables
27 What is the Aggregate of Ber evolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer? See tables
27 What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
See report of Conference Stewards
28 What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? See report of Conference Stewards
29 Where are the Preachers Stationed? See list of Appointments
30 Where shall our next Conference be held?
Bethel, Riceville, N. C. Azalia, Rail Road Station.

OUR DEAD.

NAME	DIED	ADMITTED	
F. M. Fanning,	1881	1880	From Holston
J. N. Barker,	1886	1880	" N.C.Conference
R. M. Witt,	1890	1880	" Holston
D. M. Clayton,	1891	1880	" Holston
W. F. Parker,	1892	1882	" S. C. Conference
Wm. Franklin,	1892	1888	On trial
R. A. F. Smith,	1893	1888	On trial
S. D. Tipton,	1893	1890	On trial
J. W. Naylor,	1894	1880	From N.C.Conference
T. W. Matney,	1895	1880	From N.C.Conference
J. F. Prevette,	1895	1891	On trial

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

—MRS MAKAY

APPOINTMENTS.

1895.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

A. J. JOHNSON, P. E., BUCKSHOALS, N. C.

Asheville, ... To be supplied
Asheville Circuit, ... T. C. Croker
Catawba ..... J. P. Brantly
Columbus, ... A. S. Beaman
Gastonia, ... W. M. Daniel
Harmony ..... J. M. Heath
Hendersonville, ... To be supplied
Hickory, ... To be supplied
Marion, ... M. M. Ratchford
Mocksville, ... To be supplied
Morganton, ... To be supplied
Ruthfordton, ... To be supplied
Shelby, ... To be supplied
Skyland, ... E. S. Roberson
Statesville, ... To be supplied
Taylorsville, ... To be supplied
Yadkinville, ... J. J. Rhyne
Zion, ... D. A. Lanier

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT

ADOLPHUS GRAYBEAL, P. E., MONTEZUMA, N. C.

Bakersville, ... Edwin Anderson
Boone, ... J. B. Tucker
Burnsville, ... J. F. Ursey
Creston, ... C. M. Warden
Jefferson, ... J. H. Rominger
Montezuma, ... F. A. L. Clark
Mt. Bethel, ... G. W. Brown
Roaring Gap and Trap Hill, ... J. A. Sisk
Wilkesboro, ... D. S. Richardson

CLYDE DISTRICT

J. F. MATNEY, P. E., CLYDE, N. C.

Boylston, ... W. A. Ballew
Cashiers, ... A. Traylor
Clyde, ... W. C. Matney
Culberson, ... L. A. Rominger
Delwood, ... W. A. West
Elf, ... D. M. Matheson
Highlands, ... G. W. Matney
Leicester, ... J. L. Dennis
Pisgah, ... L. J. Perley

Unaka, ... W. R. West
Wilmot, ... M. G. Ledford
Waynesville, ... J N. S. Doub

GLADSTONE DISTRICT

T. W. Brown, P. E, Gladstone, N. C.

Chandlers Grove ..... S. A. Earnhardt
Daisy, ... D. S. George
Gladstone, ... J. H. Hopkins
Gray's Chapel, ... L. C. Nash
Haw River, ... N. M. Cooper
Huntersville, ... J. H. Patterson
Jamestown, ... F. M. Keith
Pates, ... H. H. Lowrie
Robeson, ... French Lowery
Troy, ... W. J. Evans
Winston and Surry, ... C. F. Hunter and Charles Morris

MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT

J. S. Burnett, P. E., Morehead City, N. C.

Avon, ... U. S. Crowder
Beaufort, ... To be supplied
Bethlehem, ... W. Q. A. Graham
Edenton, ... To be supplied
Elizabeth City, ... To be supplied
Harkers Island, ... W. S. Moore
Havelock, ... J. T. Hardesty
Morehead City, ... J. S. Burnett
New Berne, ... To be supplied
Ocracoke and Hatteras ..... C F. Casstevens
Plymouth, ... To be supplied
Roanoak Island, ... To be supplied
Swansboro, ... J. L. Stevenson
Washington, ... To be supplied
Wilmington, ... To be supplied

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

Asheville Distrsct....	$ 200 00	Gastonia.....	$ 50,00
Asheville	125,00	Harmony	34,00
Asheville Ct.	60,00	Marion	40,00
Catawba	60,00	Skyland	70,00
Columbus		Yadkinville	50,00
Zion	40,00	Total,..	$729,00
Bakersville District....	$ 200,00	Jefferson	
Bakersville	60,00	Montezuma	$ 70,00
Boone	50,00	Mt. Bethel	50,00
Burnsville	65,00	RoaringGap and Trap Hill	60,00
Creston	50,00	Wilkesboro	50,00
Total.....			$655.00

Clyde District	$ 200,00	Elf	$ 65,00
Boylston	70,00	Highlands	95.00
Cashiers	65,00	Leicester	
Clyde		Pisgah	30,00
Culberson	75,00	Unaka	60,00
Delwood	70,00	Wilmot	70,00
Total			$800,00

Gladstone District	$ 200,00	Huntersville	$ 40,00
Chandlers Grove		Jamestown	20,00
Daisy	30,00	Pates	
Gladstone	50.00	Robeson	30,00
Gray's Chapel	70.00	Troy	20,00
Haw River	70,00	Winston	66,00
Total			$596,00

Morehed City District	$ 200,00	Moreheah City	$ 50,00
Avon	30.00	Ocracoke and Hatteras	40,00
Bethlehem	100,00	Swansboro	150.00
Harker's Island	50,00	Roanoak Island	25,00
Havelock	75,00	Total	$720,00

Grand total appropriated $3,500,00

THE DAILY JOURNAL.

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Clyde, N. C., Oct. 9, 1895

OPENING EXERCISES—The seventeenth session of Blue Ridge Conference met at Clyde, Haywood county, and was called to order by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D. D., at 9:30 a. m. Oct. 9, 1895. The Bishop read 103rd. Psalm and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper assisted by Rev. M. S. Hard, D. D., and the Presiding Elders

ROLL CALL—A. Graybeal assistant Secretary of last Conference called the roll and thirty-three answered to their names, viz: T. W. Brown, J. S. Burnett, T. C. Croker, J. L. Dennis, D. S. George, J. H. Gillespie, W. Q A. Graham, A. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, E G. Nelson, J. J. Rhyne, L. A. Rominger, C. W. Smith, E. Anderson, J P. Brantly, G. W. Brown, U. S. Crowder, W. M. Daniels, W C. Haltum, J. T. Hardesty, G. W. Matney, E. S. Robinson, J. H. Rominger, A. Traylor, B Templeton, J. A. Sisk, W. A. Ballew, M. W. Broyles, A. J. Johnson, D. N. Matthesor

SECRETARIES—On motion of C. W. Smith, A. Graybeal was elected Secretary. J. S. Burnett was chosen Assistant Secretary

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES—J. H. Gilespie and W. C. Matney were elected Statistical Secretaries

TREASURER—A. J. Johnson was elected Treasurer and D. S. George Assistant

COMMITTEES—The Nominating Committee reported as follows:
(1) PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. F. Matney, E. G. Nelson
(2) CONFERENCE RELATIONS—Presiding Elders
(3) MISSIONS—Presiding Elders
(4) BOOK CONCEEN ACCNUNTS—W. C. Matney
(5) CHURCH EXTENSION—A.J. Johnson, U.S Crowder, W.J. Evans
(6) EDUCATION—W. Q A. Graham, J. S. Burnett, A. Graybeal
(7) FREEDMANS AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY—B Templeton, Edwin Anderson and J. A. Sisk
(8) S. S. UNION—L. J. Penley and E. S. Robinson
(9) TRACTS—N. M. Cooper and C. F. Casstevens
(10) SABBATH OBSERVANCE—J. H. Patterson, L. A. Rominger, W. R. West
(11) STATE OF THE CHURCH—T.W. Brown, J.L. Dennis, C.W. Smith
(12) AUDITING—T. C. Croker, C. F. Casstevens, G. W. Matney, D. S. George and M. W. Daniels
(13) PERIODICALS—J. R. Cannon, E. Anderson and J. M. Heath
(14) TEMPERANCE—A. J. Johnson, F. A. L. Clark, J. J. Rhyne
(15) CONFERENCE STEWARDS—A. Graybeal, W. J. Evans, K. A. Rominger, J. S. Burnett and H. D. Christenberry
(16) BIBLE CAUSE—M. A. West, J. P. York and E. G. Nelson
(17) MEMOIRS—J. H. Gilespie, A. J. Johnson and A. Graybeal
(18) METHODIST ADVOCATE JOURNAL ACCOUNTS—T. C. Croker
(19) GOSPEL IN ALL LANDS AND METHODIST REVIEW—J.L. Dennis

INTRODUCTIONS—Rev J W. Hamilton, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the F.A. and S. E. Society, Rev. M. S. Hard Assistant Correspondent Secretary of Church Extension Society, Rev. G. T. Newcomb Dean of Theology in Grant University were introduced to the Conference

CONFERENCE BAR—On motion the bar of Conference was fixed to include the 3rd. window from the pulpit

OPENING—Time of opening was fixed at 8:30 A.M. and closing at 11:30, first half-hour to be used for devotional exercises

ADDED—On motion of J. F. Matney J. S. Burnett was added to the committee of Second Year

DR. HAMILTON—Dr J. W. Hamilton addressed the Conference in the interest of the Society. He also distributed envelopes for subscription to the Christian Educator

ANNOUNCEMENTS—were made, doxology sung and the Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Hard

SECOND DAY

OPENING EXERCISES—Conference met at 8:30 A. M. Devotional exercises led by J. B. Tucker Minutes of yesto-day's session read and approved

ROLL CALL—Roll of absentees was called and the following answered to their names, viz: J. R. Cannon, W. J. Evans, L. J. Peuley, W. R. West, J. P. York and A. F. English

ADDRESS—Dr. G. T. Newcomb addressed the Conference n the interest of the Methodist Advocate Journal and School of Theology of Grant University

DRAFTS—Drafts on the Book Concern for $372,00 and on the Chartered Fund for $25,00 were ordered

The Secretary read a communication from the Book Committee

The following Supernumerary members were made effective, viz: A. J. Johnson, W. A. Ballew and D. N. Mattheson

ADDRESS—Dr. M. S. Hard addressed the Conference in interest of the Church Extension Society

13TH. QUESTION—Gladstone District was called, T. W. Brown's character passed and he read a report of his District

NOTICES were given and the Conference adjourned with benediction by A. F. English

THIRD DAY

OPENING EXERCISES–Devotional exercises were conducted by J. L. Deanis Minutes of yestoday's session were read and approved

STATESVILLE DISTRICT—C W. Smith's character was passed and he read a report of his work

DR. CRANSTON addressed the Conferer ce in interest of the Western Book Concern

CLYDE DISTRICT was called. J. F. Matney's character passed and he reported his work.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT A. Graybeal's character passed and he reported his work.

MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT—W. Q. A. Graham made a verbial report of his work after his character passed

EFFECTIVE ELDERS—The following elders were called their character passed and those who had work reported viz: J. R. Cannon, F A. L. Clark, W. C. Matney, J. P. Brantly, J. H. Gllespie, L. J. Penley, W. J. Evans, D N. Mattheson, S. A. Earnhardt, N. M. Cooper, J. S. Burnett, J. H. Patterson, C. F. Casstevens, H. D. Christenberry and A. H. Peeples

TIME FOR ELECTION—10:30 Saturday was fixed as the time for electing a delegate to the General Conference, also to vote on constitutional questions.

QUESTION 5.—Who have been continued on trial? was taken up. The following were called, their character passed, they reported their work and were continued on trial and advanced to studies of Second year. W n. M. Daniel, Wm. C. Holtom, B. Templeton, G. W. Brown and M. M. Ratchford.

The following were called, their character passed and they not having been examined were continued in studies of First year viz: J. P. Brantly, J. T. Hardesty and H. H Lowrie.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Cranston.

FOURTH DAY.

OPENING EXERCISES–Opening Services were conducted by the

Bishop. Minutes read and approved.

Question 10—Who have completed the Conference course of Study? was taken up.The following were called, passed and elected to Elders Orders, viz: T.C.Croker. L.A. Rominger, J. L.Dennis, The following were called, passed and continued in the 4th. year, viz: J. P. York, J. J. Rhyne, D. S. Richardson,W. R. West

Question 7—Who have been admitted into full membership? The following were called, their character passed and they were elected to Deacons Orders, viz: E. S. Roberson, U. S. Crowder, J. H.Rominger, J. A. Sisk, G. W. Matney and B. Templeton.

M. A. West was passed to 3rd. year's Studies, but not elected to full membership because he did not promise to quit the use of tobacco. Edwin Anderson, who was an Elder, was admitted to full membership. The class stood in front of the chancil while the Bishop addressed them in a very eloquent way.

Election—On motion of W.A. Ballew the order of the day was taken up and the Conference proceeded to elect a delegate to the General Conference. W.C. Matney, T. C. Croker and A. J. Johnson were appointed tellers. A. Grayheal was elected delegate and T. W.Brown reserve. Vote on Constitutional questions was taken Proposition I, Ayes 16 Noes 18. Proposition II, Ayes 21 Noes 11 Proposition III, Ayes Noes 33

W. A. Ballew and J. S .Burnett made short speeches on State of the Church.

Question 8—What members are in Studies of 3rd. year? D. S. George and E. G. Nelson were called, their character passed and they were advanced to Stndies of 4th. year. The following were called, their character passed and they not having been examined were continued in Studies of 3rd. year: W. B. Beaman, H. Verner J. H. Hopkins, J. L. Stevenson, J. M. Heath and F. W. Bradley and the names under Question 7.

Supernumerary—The following were placed on the Supernumerary list, J. R. Cannon and H. D. Christenberry.

Superanuate—A. H. Peeples was placed on the list of Snperanuates.

Local Orders—D. C. Norman was called and elected to Deacons Orders as Local Preacher.

Recognition of Orders—John Leveret called and his Elders Orders recognized. J. B. Tucker called and his Deacons Orders recognized; the former coming from the Baptist Church and the latter from M. E. Church South.

Reports—Committee on F. A. and S. E. Society reported. See report which was adopted. The committee on State of the Church reported. See report which was adopted.

Dr Coleman pastor of M. E. Church South in Waynesville was introduced, also Rev. Mr. Clark of Methodist Protestant Church.

After the announcements the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Cornan.

FIFTH DAY.

After devotional exercises the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham a commission consisting of J. F. Matney, J. L. Dennis and W. J. Evans was appointed to confer with a similar one to be appointed by the Georgia Conference concerning a change of boundry between the two Conferences.

W. Q. A Graham read the report on Education. Adopted. J. R. Cannon read report on periodicals. Adopted. N. M. Cooper read report on tracts. Adopted. W. C. Matney read report on Sabbath observance. Adopted. A. J. Johnson read report on Church Extension. Adopted A. Graybeal read report of Conference Stewards. Adopted.

QUESTION 30—Where shall the next Conference be held? At Bethel, Riceville, N.C.

QUESTION 22—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? M. W. Broyles, C. W. Smith, F. M. Bradley, W. B. Beaman, E. J. Winkler, E. H. Reynolds, A. F. English, Wm. Rawlings and J. P. York.

QUESTION 23—Who are the Superanuated Preachers? W. G. Matton, D. N. Franklin and A. H. Peeples.

RESOLUTION by J. S. Burnett concerning Drs. Hard, Hamilton Cranston and Newcomb. Adopted.

RESOLUTION of thanks to Bishop Mallalieu and citizens. Adopted. Report on temperance by J. A. Sisk. Adopted.

QUESTION 4—Who are admitted on trial? J. B. Tucker, M. M. Ratchford, A S. Beaman, M.G.Ledford, J.F. Ursey, C.M. Warden, W. S. Moore and J. N. S. Doub.

RESOLUTION by J. S. Burnett that we adopt our last year's plan for raising money to print the minutes. Adopted.

RESOLUTION thanking A. Graybeal for work as Secretary. Adopted.

J. H. Gilespie read Treasurers report. See Statistical tables.

W. Q. A. Graham read resolution concerning a Mission Conference. Adopted. T. C. Croker read report of Auditing Committee. Adopted.

APPOINTMENTS were read after which the Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

I certify that the above minutes are the approved records of the Seventeenth session of the Blue Ridge Conference.

A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

CASH ON HAND.

From	Collections	$ 17,00
"	Chartered Fund,....	25,00
"	Book Concern Dividend,....	372,00
	Total,....	$414,00

PAID.

To R. M. Witt's children	$ 40,00
" Mrs. T. W. Matney,	80,00
" " D. M. Clayton,	50,00
" Miss Bessie Franklin,	25,00
" D. N. Franklin,	50,00
" W. G. Matton,	25,00
" A. H. Peeples,	50,00
We recomend that Conference give J. R. Cannon	75,00
and J. P. York	19,00
Total,	$414,00.

A. GRAYBEAL
W. J. EVANS
L. A. ROMINGER

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

After careful examination of all accounts placed in our hands we find them correct. T. C. Croker.

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The great issue of to-day, both in the political and moral world, is the Temperance question; and

WHEREAS, The manufacture and sale of intoxicants is the bane of humanity; and WHEREAS, Temperance has ever been one of the cardinal doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church; therefore

RESOLVED, That we will use all lawful means to suppress it.

RESOLVED FURTHER that each P. E. be required to preach one sermon on the subject of Temperance at each second Quarterly Conference and that each pastor be required to preach one sermon on Temperance at each appointment on his charge.

RESOLVED FURTHER That we pledge ourselves to observe the 4th. Sunday in each November as Temperance Sunday.

CHURCH EXTENSION

As a Conference we recognize our great obligations to the Board of Church Extension. During the past 16 years it has aided 120 Churches and Parsonages within our bounds: this leaves but 21 Church buildings that have been erected without its aid To do this good work it has "Donated" to churches in the Blue Ridge Conference $10,250,00 and "Loaned" them $5000,00 more.

As against this, our Conference has sent to the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension, $983,00. Hence it will appear that we have received liberally in view of what we have contributed. Our Conference has 7662 members. Last year the Board asked of us $200,00 which would have been but 2⅝ cents a member. However we gave but ¾ of a cent per member or $66,00 in cash. There were 28 of the charges that gave nothing for this cause. If we raised $200

we have the pledge from the Board that $1000,00 will be given us to expend upon our own territory. There are 8 "Loans" representing $1158,00 within our Conference that are still due to the Church Extension Society. In view of these facts touching our relation to the Board of Church Extension, therefore RESOLVED

1st. That we urge upon Churchs within our Conference owing "Loans" to the Board, that the interest be promptly met, and the principal paid as soon as possible.

2nd. That we ask the Presiding Elders to apportion $200,00 to our several charges, early after the Conference, and that we will do our best in presenting this cause to our people, and seek to collect what shall be apportioned to each charge.

3rd. That we will present this as a separate collection, early in the Conference year, and will seek to use modern methods in taking the collection such as cards. song services &c., &c. that are kindly provided by the Board, upon applying for them.

4th. That we are very grateful to Dr. Hard for the able manner in which he has presented the claims of the Church Extension Society of our Church, and his efficient services among us, that we ask his co-operation with us in planning our collections, and pray the blessings of God upon him wherever he goes.

A. J. JOHNSON.
U. S. CROWDER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee beg leave to report. We unanimously endorse the following schools: U.S.Grant University, Fairview College, Graham Academy and Gladstone Academy.

These schools are doing much to develop the native talent in this South-land and prepare our ministry for aggressive work, but it must be strikingly apparent to every one that something better is needed in the Blue Ridge Conference.

Highly as we esteem the work of U.S.Grant University, we can be but fully convinced that we need an institution of high grade in our own Conference, around which, as a rallying point, we can concentrate the loyalty of our people. Therefore,

RESOLVED—That we as a Conference endoree the action of the trustees appointed at our last Conference in selecting Columbus Polk Co., for the site of our proposed Central College.

RESOLVED 2ND —That we sincerely thank Mr. F. M. Stearns of Cleveland, Ohio for his interest in the work of the Blue Ridge Conference. It has given a new inspiration to our work and made it possible for us to take the initial steps toward the founding of our Conference College.

RESOLVRD 3RD—That we gladly hear of the proposed school at Roseland, N.C. and assure Prof. C.J. Brown of our sympathy and fostering care. W. Q. A. GRAHAM.

RFPORT OF F. A. & S. E. COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN—No better work is being done than that by the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society in the

TO THE VISITORS.

RESOLVED—That we highly appreciate the presence and inspiring addresses of Rev. Dr. G. T. Newcombe, Dr. Cranston, Dr. Hard and Dr. Hamilton and will welcome them to every session of our Conference. J. S. BURNETT.

TO THE SECRETARIES.

RESOLVED—That we the members of this Conference do hereby tender our thanks to A. Graybeal, A. J. Johnson and J. H. Gillespie for their faithful and correct service. W. C. MATNEY.

MINUTES OF THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

The Lay delegates of the Blue Ridge Conference met on Friday 11th. of October, 1895 at Clyde, N. C. and organized by electing R. L. Owen as chairman and E. R. Israel Secretary. On motion G. F. Brock, David Shook and J. L. Randle were elected a committee on credentials. An election for a delegate to the General Conference to be held in May, 1896 was held. On the eleventh ballot H. F. Ketron was elected. T. Baxter White was elected by acclamation. Alternate

On motion, G. F. Brock, T. Baxter White and F.A. Walton were elected as a committee to draft and submit resolutions to the General Conference. The committee met and made the following report which is herein inclosed and a copy hereof is put into the hands of our delegate to be submitted to the General Conference.

WHEREAS—The maximum efficiency of our church can be attained by a constant and cordial co-operation of the ministry and laity in every department of church work and,

WHEREAS—This can be had through equal representation in the General Conference and, WHEREAS—This is impossible under our constitution as construed by the late General Conference and

WHEREAS-An attempt to amend said constitution by what is known as the "Restrictive Rule", showed that less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the travelling preachers gave their consent while $\frac{3}{4}$ are required therefore

RESOLVED—That we memoralize the General Conference which is to meet in May, 1896, at Cleveland, Ohio, to previde for a commission to be composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen say from 10 to 15 of each to be chosen by the ministerial and lay members of the General Conference respectively from such equitable Districts as may be agreed upon and that said commission shall meet as early in the ensuing quadranium as convenient and formulate a constution for the Methodist Episcopal Church, under which equal representation may be possible and it may propose such other modifications of our polity as the experience of more than a hundred years suggests for its better adaption to the changed conditions around us and that the draft of such an amended constitution be submitted to the laity and ministry as a whole or with one or more propositions which when adopted shall become the constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

RESOLVED–That our delegates to the General Conference be charged with the presentation of this memorial and that they be instructed to support in the General Conference. R. L. OWEN, Chairman.
E. R. ISRAEL, Sect'y.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that at Clyde, N. C. on Oct. 13 1895 I ordained the following to the office of Deacon in the Church of God.

Benjamin Templeton,
Ulysses S. Crowder,
John H. Rominger,
Eli S. Roberson,
Edwin Anderson,
James A. Sisk,
Green W. Matney,
David C. Norman,

Also at the same time and place assisted by several Elders I ordained to the office of Elder in the Church of God.

John L. Dennis, Lewis A. Rominger,
Thomas C. Croker.

W. F. Mallalieu.

Statistics No. 1, Blue Ridge Conference for 1894--95.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BPTISM		SUNDAY S. S.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	No. Probationers.	No. Full Members.	Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	Children Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
BAKERSVILLE.																
Asheville Circuit	38	175	1	4	1	16	5	26	200	5	2 000	1	300	25	.....	300
Jefferson,	40	350	4	3	6	20	3	12	128	7	4 300	1	400	75	.....	.....
Montezuma Circuit	25	235	1	1	7	10	5	30	290	4	5 000	.....	.....	40	50	200
Creston,	115	226	2	1	...	5	4	24	200	2	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boone	30	170	2	2	3	5	2	11	78	5	2 300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bakersville Circuit	49	233	2	1	4	13	4	24	140	4	4 500	1	150	30	.....	20
Burnsville Circuit	4	75	.	1	...	...	3	6	36	1	600	1	200	120	.....	.....
Total	301	1464	12	13	21	69	25	133	1072	28	19 500	4	1 050	290	50	520
CLYDE.																
Boyleston	7	154	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	1 800	1	250	.....	8	.....
Clyde Circuit	35	283	2	1	5	12	4	24	200	5	3 500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unaka	10	124	..	..	...	32	1	7	54	3	1 500	1	150	1 000	.....	50
Highlands	4	86	1	3	...	..	2	6	66	1	800	.....	.....	15	.....	100
Dana	4	99	1	4	...	1	1	4	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pisgah	25	200	1	1	2	3	4	24	200	4	2 500	1	500	.....	.....	.....
Culberson	10	133	..	1	1	2	3	20	143	.....	.....	1	300	.....	.....	15
Elf	8	254	1	3	9	...	5	24	245	4	1 650	2	350	.....	.....	.....
Leicester	15	160	2	3	8	5	5	35	275	4	3 000	1	400	50	56	160
Dellwood	10	95	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1 000	.....	.....	8	.....	.....
Wilmot	1	139	2	1	...	...	4	10	150	3	1 200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ecusta	3	64	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	3	1 400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clyde Station	28	39	...	...	...	...	1	9	40	1	1 500	1	650	11	.....	.....
Total	160	1816	12	18	25	55	30	163	1388	31	19 850	8	2 600	1 084	64	425
GLADSTONE.																
Gladstone	38	131	2	1	8	10	2	12	150	4	1 700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy	30	217	3	1	...	...	3	15	135	5	7 200	.....	.....	200	.....	.....
Chandlier's Grove	21	205	3	2	1	...	5	26	207	5	3 000	1	125	.....	.....	.....
Pate's	60	275	1	4	30	...	6	18	260	5	1 200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Huntersville	26	169	1	...	...	...	4	15	90	4	2 040	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Inland	15	25	..	..	6	30	1	5	40	2	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gray's Chapel	53	116	1	3	2	5	6	35	332	6	1 500	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Forsythe	31	345	4	4	3	34	7	55	500	7	2 250	.....	.....	.....	40	200
Haw River	...	17	1	..	...	...	1	10	30	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	277	1500	16	15	50	79	35	191	1734	38	19 390	1	125	250	40	200

RESOLVED—That our delegates to the General C... ed with the pra...

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MEMOIRS.

JESSE F. PREVETTE.

JESSE F. PREVETTE was born Sept. 5, 1862 in Iredell Co. N. C. He was married to Sarah E. Templeton April, 3, 1883.

He was converted to the Christian faith September 11, 1884 at a school house near Smiths chapel, Iredell Co. the site of which he afterward gave to the M. E. Church.

He joined the M. P. Church in the year 1885 and was licenced to exort in the same Church by S. Long C P. He afterwards joined the M. E. Church and was licensed to preach at Mt. Mitchell, Statesville Dt. Blue Ridge Conference. Rev C. W. Smith presided.

He travelled one year and was ordained Deacon at Poindexter, N. C. by Cyrus D. Foss, Oct. 16, 1892. He preached till Sept. 1893 when he was taken sick and was unable to preach any more.

He died June 28, 1895.

RESOLVED—That we extend our most sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and relatives and pray that God's grace may sustain them.

J. H. GILESPIE.
A. J. JOHNSON.
A. GRAYBEAL.

THO'S. W. MATNEY.

Inasmuch as God has taken out of our ranks one of our veterans REV. THO'S W. MATNEY during the past year Therefore,

RESOLVED—That we hereby express our sincere sympathy with the bereaved relations and pray that they may be sustained by the all-sufficient grace of our Father in Heaven who doeth all things well.

J. H. GILESPIE.
A. J. JOHNSON.
A. GRAYBEAL.

SISTER CANNON

Inasmuch as our Father in Heaven has taken Sister CANNON, wife of Rev. J. R. Cannon away from her companions and children, RESOLVED—That we the members of the Blue Ridge Conference in session at Clyde, N. C. hereby express our heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved ones left behind in this land of sorrow and point them to Him who hath said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden".

J. H. GILESPIE.
A. J. JOHNSON.
A. GRAYBEAL.

NAME OF CHARGE. / DISTRICTS.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. RECEIPTS. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. Received from Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources	Total.	Current Expenses. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
BAKERSVILLE.																		
Asheville Circuit	T. C. Croker	$ 200	50	250	200	50	250	.....	25	22	1	1	2	.....	.....	2	15	25
Jefferson	F. A. L. Clark	300	30	330	220	30	250	80	40	30	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	5	5
Montezuma	W. C. Matney	200	.....	200	133	.....	133	67	30	15	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	15	15
Creston	J. H. Rominger	132	....	132	90	.....	90	42	20	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boone	J. B. Tucker	200	18	218	110	18	128	90	20	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2
Bakersville	Edwin Anderson	300	18	318	154	18	172	146	30	20	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burnsville	E. S. Robinson	80	8	88	36	8	44	44	10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		1 4 2	124	1 536	943	124	1 067	469	175	116	4	4	4	.....	.....	4	40	47
CLYDE.																		
Boyleston	M. W. Broyles	150	.....	150	54	.....	54	96	20	18	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clyde Circuit	L. J. Penny	180	.....	180	156	.....	156	24	20	17	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	10	20
Unaka	Alexander Traylor	70	50	120	45	50	95	25	20	20	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2
Highlands	G. W. Matney	150	25	175	85	25	110	65	20	10	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	5	.....
Dana	D. M. Matheson	60	.....	60	39	.....	39	21	12	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pisgah	J. H. Gillespie	175	50	225	90	50	140	85	20	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20
Culberson	W. J. Evans	150	25	175	143	25	168	7	20	19	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Elf	J. T. Hardesty	200	25	225	95	25	120	105	20	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leicester	J. L. Dennis	315	25	340	250	25	275	65	25	25	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	15
Hollywood	[illegible]	120	.....	120	77	.....	77	43	20	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2

Ecusta	W. R. West	35		35	13		13	22	10	5									
Clyde Station	E. G. Nelson	100	50	150	75	50	125	25	20	17								2	10
Total		1 835	250	2 085	1 128	250	1 378	707	243	194	1	2	5			5	37	69	
GLADSTONE.																			
Gladstone	W. M. Daniel	200		200	60		60	140	25	10									
Troy	W. C. Holton	180	22	202	78	22	101	102	20	12	1	1							
Chandlier's Grove	S. A. Earnhardt	150		150	100		100	50	15	10	1	1	2			2	10	5	
Pates	H. H. Lowrie	150		150	85		85	65											
Huntersville	F. W. Bradley	200		200	82		82	118	25	20									
Inland	J. H. Hopkins	100		100	40		40	60	20	20									
Gray's Chapel	L. C. Nash	200		200	140		140	60	30	12							3		
Forsyth	J. S. Burnett	300		300	225		225	75	25	15			1			1	10	100	
Haw River	N. M. Cooper				65		65			2							10		
Total		1 480	22	1 502	835	22	897	670	160	101	2	2	3			3	33	105	
MOREHEAD CITY.																			
Bethlehem	W. Q. A. Graham	150	60	210	75	60	135	75	25	20							12	10	
Harker's Island																			
M. City and Wildwood	C. F. Casstevens	100	25	125	17	25	42	83											
Avon	U. S. Crowder	105	20	125	105	20	125		40	40							3	2	
Ocracoke & Hatteras	J. H. Patterson	225		225	169		169	56	40	30							10	15	
Swansboro	J. H. Fine	100		100	60		60	40	10	5									
Beaufort		30	30	60	20	30	50	10	10	5									
Total		710	135	845	446	135	581	264	125	100							25	27	
STATESVILLE.																			
Trap Hill	D. S. George	100	36	136	55	36	91	45	5	2	1	1			1	1	1	7	
Wilkesboro	D. S. Richardson	85		85	40		40	45	10	4							1		
Mt. Bethel	G. W. Brown	65		65	32		32	33	10	10									
Zion	J. M. Heath	135	10	145	105	10	115	30	16	13	1	1	2			2		25	
Yadkinville	J. J. Ryne	100		100	40		40	60	20	12			1			1			
Catawba	D. A. Lanier	30		30	26		26	4											
Marion	M. M. Ratchford	265	24	289	112	24	136	153	30	18	1	1	1			1			
Roaring Gap	J. A. Sisk	30	8	38	36	8	44	44	10	2									
Harmony	A. H. Peeples	200		200	135		135	65	20	15									
Gastonia	G. W. Bradley	200		200	100		100	100	20	10									
Total		2 260	78	1 388	681	78	759	579	141	86	3	3	4		1	5	2	32	
Gladstone District		1 480	22	1 503	835	22	897	670	160	101	2	2	3			3	33	105	
Clyde District		1 835	250	2 085	1 128	250	1 378	707	243	194	1	2	5			5	37	69	
Morehead City Dist		710	135	845	446	135	581	264	125	100							25	27	
Bakersville District		1 412	124	1 536	948	124	1 067	469	175	110	4	4	3			3	40	37	
Statesville District		1 200	78	1 338	581	78	759	579	141	86	3	3	4		1	5	2	32	
Grand Total		6 637	609	7 306	4 033	609	4 682	2 689	844	591	10	11	15		1	16	137	270	
" " last year		7 002	492	7 494	3 930	515	4 535	2 914	783	497	31	11	30			30	153	169	
Increase			117		103	94	147		61	94					1			101	
Decrease		365		188				225			21		15			14	16		

NAMES OF CHARGES. / DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	MISSIONS.							EDUCATN								
	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.
BAKERSVILLE.																
Asheville Circuit	....	6	6	3	1	..	1	3	....	....	....	....	1	2	1	.....
Jefferson,	5	5	10	2	....	..	1	....	....	1	....	1	....	1	....	.....
Montezuma,	5	....	5	2	1	..	3	4	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	.....
Creston,	2	....	2	1	....	..	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Boone	2	....	2	1	....	..	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	.....
Bakersville,	....	6	6	2	....	..	.....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	.....
Burnsville	8	....	8	....	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Total	22	17	39	11	2	..	7	8	...	1	....	1	4	4	1	.....
CLYDE.																
Boyleston	3	....	3	1	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	.....
Clyde Circuit	5	....	5	1	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....
Wenoka	3	....	3	3	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....
Highlands	6	....	6	2	1	..	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	.....
Dana	1	1	2	....	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Pisgah	6	5	11	....	....	..	.....	4	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Culberson	3	....	3	....	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....

Wilmot																
Ecusta	2		2													
Clyde Station	1		1													
Total	41	6	47	12	2		2	5		2	1		2	5	1	
GLADSTONE.																
Gladstone	12		12	3			3									
Troy	7		7	2	1		2	2					1			
Chandlier's Grove	4		4	1	1		1	1					1	2		
Pate's	1		1													
Huntersville	10		10	2	1											
Inland	4		4	1				1								
Gray's Chapel	3	5	8	2	1			2								
Forsythe	16		16	2	1			4						1		
Haw River	1		1													
Total	58	5	63	13	5		6	10					2	3		
MOREHEAD CITY.																
Bethlehem	10		10	2												
Harker's Island	1		1													
M. City and Wildwood	1		1	1												
Avon	8		8	3			2									
Ocracoke and Hatteras	10		10													
wansboro	2		2													
Total	32		32	6			2									
STATESVILLE.																
Trap Hill		10	10	2			3	1					1	1		
Wilkesboro																
Mount Bethel	3		3	1												
Zion	10		10	2			2						1	2		
Yadkinville	8		8	1			1							1		
Catawba	1		1	1												
Marion	11		11										1	1		
Roaring Gap	3		3	1			1									
Harmony	3		3													
Gastonia																
Total	39	10	49	8			7	1					3	5		
Gladstone District	58	5	63	13	5		6	10					2	3		
Clyde District	41	6	47	12	2		2	5		2	1		2	5	1	
M City District	32		32	6			2									
Bakersville District	22	17	39	11	2		7	8		1		1	4	4	1	
Statesville District	39	10	49	8			7	1					3	5		
Grand Total	192	38	230	50	9		24	24		3	1	1	11	17	2	
" " last year	221	62	283	64	13	4	31	37	12	2		3	11	30	1	
Increase										1	1				1	
Decrease	29	24	53	14	4	4	7	3	12			2		13		

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SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Southern Central Conference.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY
1879 Jan	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer

Changed to

Blue Ridge Conference.

1880 Jan 28 Feb 1	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton
1881 20-24	Leicester,	Warren,	"
1882 19-23	Asheville,	Foster,	"
1883 24-29	Gastonia,	Merrill,	"
1884 30 Feb 4	Asheville,	Bowman,	J. D. Roberson
1885 Oct. 1-5	Gastonia,	Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford
1886 7-11	Smith's Chapel,	Walden,	"
1887 19-23	New Asheville,	Mallalieu,	W.Q.A.Graham
1888 18-22	Clyde,	Fitzgerald	"
1889 17-21	Asheville,	Joyce,	J D Roberson
1890 16-20	Clyde,	"	"
1891 21-25	Asheville,	Warren,	A. Graybeal
1892 13-16	Poindexter,	Foss,	A. H. Gamble
1893 12-16	Daisy,	Hurst,	W.Q.A.Graham
1894 Sep 27 Oct 1	Smith's Chapel	Foster,	"
1875 Oct 9-14	Clyde,	Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal
1896 Sep. 24-27	Asheville,	"	"

CONFERENCE ROLL—1896.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	ORDER.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Anderson, E,	Asheville,	Elder	1893
Ballew, W A,	Irvin,	"	1885
Brantley, J P,	Catawba,	"	1894
Burnett, J S,	Gladstone,	"	1888
Casstevens, C F,	Leicester,	"	1890
Clark, F A L,	Bakersville,	"	1884
Croker, T C,	Gastonia,	"	1888
Crowder, U S,	Ocracoke,	Deacon	1892
Cooper, N M,	Greensboro,	Elder	1894
Dennis, J L,	Acton,	"	1891
Evans, W T,	Eagle Springs,	"	1888
George, D S,	Daisy,	"	1892
Gillespie, T H,	Gladstone,	"	1885

Graham, W Q A,	Marshallberg,	Deacon,	1882
Graybeal, A,	Montezuma,	"	1882
Heath, J M,	Harmony,	Deacon	1890
Hopkins, J H,	Gray's Chapel	"	1892
Johnson, A T,	Buck Shoals,	Elder	1885
Lanier, D A,	Zion,	"	1890
Matney, J F,	Clyde,	"	1888
" W C,	"	"	1889
" G W,	Highlands,	"	1893
Patterson, J H,	Trophill,	Elder	1888
Richardson, D S,	Settle,	Deacon	1888
Robinson, E S,	Banner Elk,	"	1893
Stevenson, J L,	Beaufort,	Elder	1892
Templeton, B,	Chattanooga, T.	Deacon	1893
West, W R,	Athlone,	"	1890
Nash, L C,	Chandler,	"	1893
Ratchford, M M.	Wilmot,	"	1894

(All admitted on trial.)

PROBATIONERS.

Beaman, A S,	Boston,	Licenciate,	1895
Brown, G W,	New Hope	"	1893
Daniels, W M,		"	1894
Doub, J N S,	Huntersville,	"	1895
Halton, W C,	Chattanooga, Tenn.	"	1894
Hardesty, J T,	New River,	"	1894
Ledford, M G,	Old Fort,	"	1895
Moore, W S,	Morehead City,	"	1895
Usrey, J F,	Avon,	"	1895
Traylor, A,	Franklyn,	Deacon	
Tucker, J B,	Delwood,	"	1895
Warden, C M,	Yadkinville,	"	1885
West, M A,	Unaka,	"	1890
Plyler, T A,			
Jounson, A L,	Golden,	"	1896
Corbett, L W,			1896
Graybeal, D M,	Graybeals,	"	1896
Richardson, J C,	Traphill,	"	1996
Davis, T S,	Marshalberg,	"	1896
White, U S,	Skyland,	"	1896
Richardson, W B,	Gladstone,	"	1896
Roach, W H,	Riceville,	"	1896

SUPERNUMERARY.

Beaman, W B,	Troy,	Deacon	1892
Bradley, T W,	Gastonia,	"	1896

Broyles, M W,	Alto,	Elder	1881
Cannon, J R,		"	1882
Christneberry, H D,		"	1884
Matheson, D M,	Elf,	"	1888
Rawlings, W,	Cherry Ridge, Pa.	"	1888
Nelson, E G,	Creston,	"	1889
Reynolds, E H,			1888
Vernon, H,	Settle,	Deacon	1888
York, J P,	Daisy,	Elder	1888
Rhyne, J J,	Eupiplic Springs,		1887
Earnhart, S A,			

SUPERANNUATES.

Puplis, A H,	Nealsville,
Matton, W G,	High Point,
Franklyn, D N,	Sylva,
Penley, L J.	Leicester,

BLUE RIDGE ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

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To Preach Annual Missionary Sermon—J. L. Dennis.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference? None.

Who have been Readmitted? None.

Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? W. B. Richardson and W. H. Roach from the Christian church.

Who have been Received on Trial?

A.—In Studies of First Year.

A. L Johnson, L. W. Corbitt, D. M. Graybeal, J. C. Richardson, Thomas A. Plyler, T. S. Davis, U. S. White, W. B. Richardson, W. H. Roach.

Who have been Continued on Trial?

In Studies of First Year.

A. S. Beaman, M. G. Ledford, J. N. S. Doub.

In Studies of Second Year.

W. C. Holton, G. W. Brown, M. A. West, C. M. Warden, W M. Daniels.

In Studies of Third Year.

J. B. Tucker.

Who have been Disconued? None.

Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.

L. C. Nash, M. M. Ratchford.

Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.

A. Traylor, J. P. Brantley.

What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

Admitted into Full Membership this year.

L. C. Nash, M. M. Ratchford, A. Traylor, J. P. Brantley.

Admitted into Full Membership previously.

B. Templeton, J. H. Rominger, G. W. Matney, W. B. Beaman, H. Verner, J. H. Hopkins.

What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

E. S. Robinson, Edwin Anderson, J. A. Sisk, J. M. Heath, F. W. Bradley, J. P. Brantley, E. G. Nelson, J. P. York, J. J. Rhyme, W. R. West, D. S. Richardson.

What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

Elected and Ordained Elders this year.

D. S. George, J. L. Stephenson.

What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

F. M. Keith.

Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

Yes; this was done in open conference. The case of W. M. Daniels referred to Presiding Elder.

Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

T. W. Brown to Holston Conference.

Who have Died?

A. F. English.

Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

H. D. Christenberry, J. R. Cannon, F. W. Bradley, W. B. Beaman, M. W. Broyles, E. H. Reynolds, W. Rawlings, H. Verner, J. P. York, S. A. Earnhart, E. G. Nelson, J. J. Rhyne, G. W. Brown.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

A. H. Peeples, W. G. Matton, D. N. Franklin, L. J. Penley.

Who are the Triers of Appeals?

W. J. Evans, N. M. Cooper, C. W. Smith, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, J. S. Burnett, J. L. Dennis.

What is the Statistical Report for this year?

See statistical tables.

What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $593.00.

What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? $435.00.

What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

See report of committee.

Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See list of appointments.

Where shall the Next Conference be held?

Morris' Chapel, Walkertown, N. C.

OUR DEAD.

NAME	DIED	ADMITTED	
F. M. Fanning,	1881	1880	From Holston
J. N. Barker,	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference
R. M. Witt,	1890	1880	From Holston
D. M Clayton,	1891	1880	From Holston
W. F. Parker,	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference
Wm. Franklin,	1892	1888	On trial
R. A. F. Smith,	1893	1888	On trial
S. D. Tipton,	1893	1890	On trial
J. W. Naylor,	1894	1880	From N. C. Conference
T. W. Matney,	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference
J. F. Prevett,	1895	1891	On trial
A. F. English,	1896		

ASLEEP in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

—MRS. MAKAY.

APPOINTMENTS—1896.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

A. Graybeal, P. E., Montezuma, N. C.

Asheville..... Edwin Anderson
Asheville Circuit..... W. H. Roach
Bakersville..... F. A. L. Clark
Boone..... E. S. Robinson
Burnsville..... W. R. West
Columbus..... Sup. by G. H. Detwiler
Creston..... D. M. Graybea
Jefferson..... J. H. Rominger
Marion..... M. G. Ledford
Montezuma..... C. W. Smith
A. S. Beaman, T. A. Plyler, B. Templeton, N. C. Holton, left without appointment to attend school.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

J. F. Matney, P. E., Clyde, N. C.

Boilston and Skyland..... W. A. Ballew, U. S. White
Clyde..... W. C. Matney
Culberson..... L. A. Rominger
Delwood..... J. B. Tucker
Elf..... D. M. Matheson
Highlands..... G. W. Matney
Leicester,..... C. F. Casstevens
Pisgah..... J. L. Dennis
Unaka..... M. A. West
Wilmot..... M. M. Ratchford
Franklin..... A. Traylor

GLADSTONE DISTRICT.

J. S. Burnett, Gladstone, N. C.

Chnadler's and Troy..... L. C. Nash
Daisy..... D. S. George
Eagle Springs..... W. J. Evans
Gray's Chapel..... J. H. Hopkins
Greensboro and Haw River..... N. M. Cooper
Huntersville..... J. N. S. Doub
Jamestown..... Sup. by F. M. Keith
Salisbury..... To be supplied
Southern Pines..... To be supplied
Silver Hill..... Sup. by J. F. Fine
Gladstone..... J. H. Gillespie

Pilot Mountain..... Sup. by C. F. Hunter
Stanley.. ..... To be supplied

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

A. L. Johnson, P. E., Buck Shoals, N. C.

Catawba..... J. P. Brantley
Gastonia..... T. C. Croker
Golden and Shelby..... Lee Johnson
Harmony..... J. M. Heath
Hickory..... To be supplied
King's Mountain..... To be supplied
Statesville..... D. S. Richardson
Trap Hill and Roaring Gap..... J H. Patterson
Wilkesboro..... E. J. Winkler
Yadkinville..... C. M. Warden
Zion..... D. A. Lanier

ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE.

W. Q. A. Graham, Supt., Newberne, N. C.

Avon and Hatteras..... J. F Usrey
Bethlehem..... J. A. Sisk
Elizabeth City..... Sup. by J. B. Bridges
Harker's Island..... J. L Stevenson
Morehead City and Beaufort..... Sup. by J. S. Warren
Newberne..... W. Q. A. Graham
New River..... J. S. Hardesty
Ocracoke ..... U. S. Crowder
Pates..... H H. Lowrie
Robeson..... Sup. by F. Lowrie
Swansboro..... T. S. Davis
Washington..... To be supplied
Wildwood..... W. S. Moore
Wilmington..... To be supplied

THE DAILY JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., September 24, 1896.

OPENING SERVICES.—The Blue Ridge Annual Conference met in Asheville, N. C., for its eighteenth session, at 9 a. m., Bishop W F. Mallalieu presiding.

LORD'S SUPPER.—The communion service was conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the presiding elders.

ROLL CALL.—A. Graybeal, secretary of last year, called

the roll and the following answered to their names, viz: Edwin Anderson, W. A. Ballew, J. P. Brantley, T. W. Brown, J. S. Burnett, C. F. Casstevens, F. A. L. Clark, T. C. Croker, W. C. Cooper, J. L. Dennis, W. J. Evans, D. S. George, J. H. Gillespie, W. Q. A. Graham, A. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, A. J. Johnson, G. W. Matney, J. F. Matney; W. C, Matney, L. J. Penley, J. H. Patterson, D. S. Richardson, J. J. Rhyne, E. S. Robinson, J. H. Rominger, J. A. Sisk, J. L. Stevenson, W. R. West.

PROBATIONERS.—A. S. Beaman, J. N. S. Doub, M. G. Ledford, L. C. Nash, M. M. Ratchford, A. Traylor, J. B. Tucker; J. S. Usry, C. M. Worden.

SUPERNUMERARY —F. W. Bradley, M. W. Broyles, H. D. Christenberry, C. W. Smith.

SECRETARIES.—On motion of A. J. Johnson, A. Graybeal was elected Secretary. On motion of the Secretary, J. A. Sisk and J. L. Dennis were elected assistant Secretaries.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.—On motion of A. Graybeal, D. S. George was elected Statistical secretary. C. F. Casstevens was elected assistant.

TREASURER —On motion J. H. Gillespie was elected Conference Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES —The Presiding Elders made the following nominations for standing committees and on vote they were adopted:

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—A. J. Johnson, R. W. Vining.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—Presiding Elders.

MISSIONS.—Presiding Elders.

CHURCH EXTENSION—J. A. Sisk, L. J. Penley, J. M. Heath.

EDUCATION.—W. Q. A. Graham, T. W. Brown, J. H. Gillespie.

FREEDMANS' AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.—A. S. Beaman, J. B. Tucker, C. F. Casstevens.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. H. Patterson, U. S. Crowder, G. W. Matney.

TRACTS.—N. M. Cooper, F. A. L. Clark, W. A. Ballew.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Edwin Anderson, W. C. Matney, E. S. Robinson.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—A. J. Johnson, J. L. Dennis, C. W. Smith.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—T. C, Croker, W. R. West, D. S. Richardson, D. S. George, J. L. Stevenson.

PERIODICALS.—J. P. Brantley, C. M. Worden, J. H. Rominger.

TEMPERANCE.—T. C. Croker, J. F. Matney, Lee Johnson.

Conference Stewards.—W. J. Evans, A. Graybeal, H. D. Christenberry, J. S. Burnett, J. L. Dennis.

Bible Cause.—M. L. Ledford, M. M. Ratchford, A. Traylor.

Memoirs.—J. F. Matney, J. F. Usrey, D. S. Richardson.

Gospel in all Lands and Methodist Review.—A. S. Beaman.

District Conference Records.—L. C. Nash, T. C. Croker, D. S. Richardson, M. G. Ledford, W. Q. A. Graham.

Hours of Opening and Closing.—On motion of A. J. Johnson, the hour of meeting was fixed at 9 a. m.; first hour to be devoted to prayer service; and the hour for closing at 12:30 p. m.

Conference Bar.—On motion the conference bar was fixed so as to include the seats to the third window.

Constitutional Questions.—10 o'clock Friday was fixed for taking the vote on the constitutional questions.

Papers and communications were distributed to the various committees.

Drafts.—Drafts on the Book Concern for $405 00 and Chartered Fund for $22 00 were ordered. On motion the drafts were made in favor of W. J. Evans.

Introductions.—Dr. R. J. Cooke, editor of the "Methodist Advocate-Journal," Bro. Cowen of the Western Book Concern, and Dr. J. L. M. Curry, Corresponding Secretary of the Slater Fund and Peabody Fund, were introduced. Bro. Cowen spoke of the books he had on exhibition, also of accounts of the members of the Conference. Dr. Curry delivered an inspiring address, after which the following resolution was adopted, viz: "Resolved, That we are highly pleased with the speech of Dr. Curry, and that we sincerely thank him for visiting our Conference, and we will be glad to have him with us at any time. We rejoice in the work he is doing for education." Resolution was adopted.

Thirteenth Question was taken up. The following presiding elders were called in order, their character passed and they reported their work as follows: A. J. Johnson, of the Asheville District; A. Graybeal, of the Bakersville District; J. F. Matney, of the Clyde District; J. S. Burnett, of the Morehead City District; and T. W. Brown, of the Gladstone District.

Bro. Morehead of the N. C. Conference was introduced.

Committee for Admission.—A. S. Beaman was substituted for J. S. Burnett on Committee for Admission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Committees were called and announcements were made.

Dr. Cooke made a few remarks concerning the Advocate-Journal.

BENEDICTION was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Morehead.

SECOND DAY.

Conference was opened by a devotional service conducted by Dr. R. J. Cooke. Dr. Cooke also addressed the Conference on the subject, "Preachers and Preaching."

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of J. H. Gillespie, M. G. Ledford was elected Assistant Treasurer.

The Statistical Secretary read list of delinquents for reports.

The time having arrived for the vote on the constitutional questions, on motion of J. L. Dennis it was deferred until the probationers were received into full connection.

QUESTION 23, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. A. H. Peeples, W. G. Matton and D. N. Franklin were continued in the same relation. On motion of J. F. Matney, L. J. Penley was placed on the list of superannuated

QUESTION 22, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. H. D. Christenberry, J. R. Cannon, F. W. Bradley, W. B. Beaman, M. W. Broyles, E. H. Reynolds, W. Rawlins, H. Vernon, were continued in the same relation. C. W. Smith, E. J. Winkler and J. P. York were referred to committee on Conference Relations. On motion of T. W. Brown, S. A. Earnhart was granted a supernumerary relation.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Rev. N. B. Ogle, of Holston Conference, Rev. H. B. Willis, of Haywod Street M. E. Church South, Mr. Geo. W. Mallalieu, Mr. Roberts of Asheville and Mrs. Gilbert, of Washington City, were introduced to the Conference.

SECOND YEAR.—Class in the second year was called. The case of W. M. Daniels was referred to the committee on Conference Relations. Wm. C. Holton, Benjamin Templeton, Geo. W. Brown and H. H. Lowrie were called, their character passed and they were continued in the studies of the second year. L. C. Nash and M. M. Ratchford were called, their character passed, they were admit-

ted and elected to Deacon's Orders. A. Traylor and J. P Brantley were called, their character passed and they were admitted to full membership in the Conference. M. A. West was called and he reported his collections.

Dr. J. H. Weaver, pastor of M. E. Church, South, in Greensboro was introduced.

Vote on Consitutional Questions was taken which resulted as follows: On proposition 1, on Eligibility, the vote stood 30 for, and 6 against. Proposition 2, on Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation, the vote stood 28 for, and 1 against.

Dr. Cooke addressed the Conference in the interest of the Methodist Advocate-Journal.

After announcements, Rev. N. B. Ogle pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m Dr. R. J. Cooke conducted the opening service, and addressed the Conference on the work o the ministry.

Dr. Lawrence of the Northern Presbyterian church of this city was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Question 22, was resumed. C. W. Smith was again referred to the committee on Conference Relations. On motion of A. Graybeal, E. J. Winkler was made effective. On motion J. P. York was continued in his present relation.

Class of the first year was taken up. A. S. Beaman, M. G. Ledford, W. S. Moore, were called, their character passed and they were continued in the same relation. J. B. Tucker was called, his character passed and he having passed the examination previously, was continued on trial and he was placed in the studies of the third year. J. F. Usrey and C. M. Warden were called, the committee on examination reported, their character passed, and they were passed to the studies of the second year.

Third Year—Class in the third year was called. Benjamin Templeton, U. S. Crowder, J. H. Kominger, G. W. Matney, W. B. Beaman, H. Verner, J. H. Hopkins, were called, their character passed, committee reported and they were continued in the studies of the third year. E. S. Robinson, Edwin Anderson, J. A. Sisk, J. L Stevenson, J. M. Heath, F. W. Bradley, J. P. Brantley were called, committee reported and they were advanced to the studies

of the fourth year.

J. S. Burnett moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 3:30 p. m. Carried.

Class in the fourth year was called. D S. George and J. L. Stevenson were called, their character passed, committee reported and they were advanced and elected to Elder's Orders. E. G. Nelson, J. P. York and J. J. Rhyne were called, their character passed and they were placed on the supernumerary list, and continued in the fourth year. W. R. West and D. S. Richardson were called, their character passed and they were continued in the fourth year.

Twelfth Question.—What others have been elected and ordained Elders? F. M. Keith.

Dr. G. T. Newcombe, of Chattanooga, addressed the Conference in the interest of Grant University.

Reports of Committees.—Committee on the State of the Church reported. See report which was adopted. Committee on Sunday School Union reported. See report. Adopted. Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Dr. R. J. Cooke and Edwin Anderson. W. J. Evans moved to amend by requiring the pastors to take Advocate-Journal. Committee on F. A. and S. E. Society reported. Adopted. See report. Committee on Tracts reported. See report. Adopted. Committee on Temperance reported See report. Adopted. Committee on Church Extension reported. See report which was adopted. Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. See report. Adopted. A Committee on General Resolutions was appointed, consisting of W. Q. A. Graham, J. H. Patterson and W. J. Evans.

Trustees of Central College.— A. Graybeal, W. C. Matney and A. S. Beaman were elected. A. Graybeal was elected President of the Board of Trustees.

Anti-Saloon League.—T. C. Croker read a letter concerning the Anti-Saloon League. J. R. Cannon and A. S. Beaman were elected a committee.

Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Raymond.

THIRD DAY.—Afternoon.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Gilbert, of Washington, D. C., conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Rev. J. H. Polhemus of the Presbyterian church was introduced.

The effective Elders were called. T. C. Croker, D. A. Lanier, F. A. L. Clark, N. M. Cooper, J. H. Patterson, W. A. Ballew, W. C. Matney, J. L. Dennis, L. J. Penley, W. Q. A. Graham, C. F. Casstevens, J. H. Gillespie were called, their character passed and they reported their collections. S. A. Earnhart and L. A. Rominger called, their character passed.

F. M. Keith reported Jamestown Mission.

The General Conference having passed an enabling act for a Mission Conference in the Eastern part of North Carolina, J. S. Burnett moved that the part of North Carolina lying east of the western line of the following counties: Halifax, Nash, Johnston, Sampson, Harnett, Cumberland, and from Pike (town) to Gibbons' Station.

W. Q. A. Graham introduced a resolution of thanks to Mrs. Gilbert for visiting and addressing the Conference.

On motion of A. Graybeal, C. W. Smith was made effective, and G. W. Brown placed on Supernumerary list.

Dr. S. L. Baldwin, Corresponding Secretary of Missionary Society, was introduced. Dr. G. T. Newcombe was called to the chair, the Bishop and presiding elders retired for a cabinet meeting. Dr. Baldwin addressed the Conference on the subject of Missions.

On motion of A. Graybeal, the last year's plan for raising funds for publishing Conference Journal was adopted, each presiding elder was made responsible for the pro rata amount from his district, and to retain the amount for each charge from the 1st quarter's appropriation. Adopted. The secretaries were made a committee on publication.

Morris Chapel, Walkertown, N. C., was selected as the place for holding next session of the Conference.

On motion the Conference adjourned a to meet at 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

After devotional exercises, the minutes were read and adopted.

Fourth Question—"Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. The following having passed the examination, upon the recommendation of their respective presiding elders, were admitted on trial: A. L. Johnson, L. W

Corbett, D. M. Graybeal, J. C. Richardson, Thomas A. Plyler, T. S. Davis and U. S. White. The following were called and they having come from the Christian church, their orders were recognized and they were admitted on trial and placed in the studies of the first year: W. B. Richardson, W. H. Roach.

Conference Treasurer—J. H. Gillespie read his report. See report. Adopted.

Dr. Cooke was called to the chair, and the Bishop and presiding elders retired for a cabinet meeting.

Dr. S. L. Baldwin lectured on the subject of Missions.

Pledge Signed.—The probationers came forward and signed the pledge to wholly abstain from the use of tobacco, with the statement that they were not in debt so as to embarrass them in the work of the ministry.

The Statistical Secretary read his report. See report. Adopted.

Resolutions of thanks to the Bishop and Dr. Baldwin.

Conference adjourned to meet Sunday night to hear the appointments.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Conference met according to appointment. The Bishop read the appointments. Conference adjourned *sine die*.

A. Graybeal, Secretary.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Whereas, The church is doing a great good in saving the people, and,

Whereas, It has had wonderful success in the past year,

Resolved, 1st, That we, as ministers, will do all we can to establish churches in all needy places we can, and to help all the people that we can;

Resolved, 2nd, That we will pray that God may open up ways fro us and help us in building churches wherever they are needed;

Resolved, 3rd, That we will as ministers do all we can to keep our churches clean, in order to have all the influence on the world that we can to bring them to Christ, and all get home to Heaven.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. Johnson,
J. L. Dennis,
C. W. Smith.

COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

We, the Committee on District Conference records, present the following report: Asheville district, we find the records correct, and in the best condition of any of the districts; Gladstone district, second best. Bakersville district minutes are correct but in manuscript form. Minutes of Clyde and Morehead City district were not put in hands of the committee. We suggest and earnestly recommend that the Presiding Elders of the several districts see that a suitable book be procured for this purpose, and that the minutes of our District Conferences be properly kept.

L. C. NASH, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

Resolved, That we urge our pastors to take collections early in the year and send to the Tract Society, 150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y., and ask for a goodly amount of tracts for distribution among ou people. Respectfully submitted. N. M. COOPER.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

BRETHREN:—The work of the Sunday School is of vast importance. The statistics show that the Methodist Episcopal Church embraces 30,259 schools with 352,627 officers and teachers, and 2,585,178 scholars, and that through the instrumentality of these schools 132,697 souls were converted to God last year.

In view of this and the fact that the religious education of the young is essential to the future success of the church, great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers, and the pastors and superintendents should unite in choosing, for teachers, the best men and women—those who are earnest in their spiritual experience, intelligent in mind, apt to teach and Godly in their lives

Furthermore we would recommend that the Sunday School publications of the Methodist Book Concern be used in our schools; that the pastors urge the parents to require their children to study the lessons at home during the week, and that both teachers and scholars use the Bible, and not merely the lesson help, in the Sunday School class. And inasmuch as the Sunday School Union has aided more than 3,000 schools of our church during the year; that it has no resources except the contributions from the various charges; that it asks the sum of $50,000 from the entire church, as the least amount with which its work can be accomplished, and that the small sum of $25 is the amount apportioned as our share of this.

And as by an examination of the records we find that only nine of the charges took collections for this cause, when if every charge had raised one half cent per member, more than the amount

asked would have been received. Therefore,

Resolved, That the pastors of all the charges in our Conference present this cause to their congregations and urge their people to contribute to its claim.

J. H. PATTERSON,
G. W. MATNEY,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

We, as a Conference, feel very proud of the great work that is being done by the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church. From 1866, when this work began, to August, 1896, a period of only 30 years, it has disbursed $5,635,000. It has donated of this amount the immense sum of $3 621,000, and aided in building 10,083 churches, more than one-third of the entire number owned by our denomination. It has a permanent capital Loan Fund of $988,000, and has loaned $2,014,000, making the grand total above. We have received within our own bounds up to November 1895, donations to the amount of $9,365, and loans to the amount of $2,950; the grand total within the Blue Ridge Conference is $12,315. We have given in for this liberality only $1,014.61. In view of this great balance in our favor, we humbly recognize and feel that we have a very warm place in the heart of this God-given work. We are asked for only $200 this year, which is about 3 cents per member. And we are promised in return $900, or about 10¼ cents per member. Therefore, be it resolved, that

1. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension, and the Church-at-large, on the remarkable success of this work through a period of thirty years.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly increasing population and unlimited resources, will continue to need Church Extension in the future as in the past, and that our Church, by fostering and strengthening this work will increase its own power to promote all forms of Christian and benevolent activity.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee for our proper share in Church Extension, until, everywhere, in communities now destitute, the people shall have opportunity to "enter His courts with praise."

4. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion, with care, the full amount asked for Church Extension, to the several Districts and pastoral charges for collection; and that, availing ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, and especially CHRISTIANITY IN EARNEST and GLAD TIDINGS, we will present this cause in all our churches, and endeavor to secure at least the amount asked, in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

By order of the Committee.

J. A. SISK, Chairman.

L. J. PENLEY, Secretary.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The rum traffic has been indicted by intelligent, conscientious humanity as a crime. Civilization has declared it to be an evil and an evil only. The Methodist Episcopal Church has declared that legal prohibition is the only means for the extirpation of the traffic. We may differ as to methods to bring about the desired end, but we are agreed that the open saloon must go; therefore,

Resolved, That it is a high ministerial duty to educate the people to the point to demand the constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic.

T. C. CROKER,
J. F. MATNEY.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Whereas, the country is being overrun with newspapers and books of such a character as to counteract the influence of the gospel and demoralize the character of our young people, and,

Whereas, the Book Concern is furnishing books, periodicals and papers at a reasonable price, and

Whereas, the introduction of our church papers into the homes of our people aids us in all departments of church work, therefore

Resolved, That we will endeavor to put into every home as many of our church papers as we can, and endeavor to get as many subscribers for the Advocate-Journal and others of the periodicals of our church as possible.

J. P. BRANTLEY.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, this Conference having a keen sense of its obligations to the Rev. Bishop Mallalieu, D.D., L.L.D., who has presided over this Conference for two years, and by his fatherly care and genuine love for us all has endeared himself to us and to our people throughout the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference, and

Whereas, it is not probable that he will again preside over this Conference for some years to come, therefore

Resolved, That we tender him our sincere thanks for kindness and care and for the help that has come to us through his administration, and pledge him our prayers and blessings wherever he may go.

Resolved, That this Conference heartily appreciates the visit of the Rev. Dr. S. L. Baldwin, Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society, and sincerely thank him for the inspiring address delivered by him to this Conference.

Resolved, That as a Conference we pledgeourselves to our utmost to go beyond our assessment for next year.

Resolved, That we ask Bishop Mallalieu to have the time of holding Blue Ridge Conference changed to November.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM,
J. H. PATTERSON,
W. J. EVANS.

Resolved, That we ask every minister of the Conference as soon as the Conference adjourns to hand the Secretary the name of his postoffice for the coming year so it can be published in the minutes.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM,
J. H. PATTERSON,
W. J. EVANS.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the citizens of Asheville, to the railroad companies and to the press of Asheville for favors and courtesies.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM,
J. H. PATTERSON,
W. J. EVANS.

Resolved, That we return thanks to Rev. R. J. Cooke, D.D., Dr. Newcombe and other visiting brethren for their encouraging words and presence.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM,
J. H. PATTERSON,
W. J. EVANS.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the presence of Mrs. Dr. Gilbert, of Washington, D. C. We have listened to her address with much pleasure. We wish to render our thanks to the Woman's Home Missionary Society for past favors, and to ask Mrs. Gilbert to be the bearer of the same.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM,
J. H. PATTERSON,
W. J. EVANS.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

CASH ON HAND.

From	collections	$ 33 00
"	Chartered Fund	22 00
"	Book Concern dividends	405 00
	Total	$460 00

PAID OUT.

Rev. L. J. Penley	50 00
Mrs. T. W. Matney	75 00
Rev. D. N. Franklin	50 00
Miss Bessie Franklin	25 00

Rev. A. H. Peeples	50 00
Rev. Witt's children	40 00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	50 00
Rev. E. G. Nelson	15 00
Rev. J. J. Rhyne	15 00
Rev. W. G. Matton	50 00
Paid for cashing draft	1 15
Total	$421 15
Balance on hand	38 85

W. J. EVANS, *Chairman*
A. GRAYBEAL.
J. L. DENNIS,
J. S. BURNETT,
H. D. CHRISTENBERRY.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Asheville District	$200 00
Asheville Station	150 00
Asheville Circuit	40 00
Bakersville "	41 00
Boone "	40 00
Burnsville "	40 00
Creston "	40 00
Marion "	40 00
Montezuma "	60 00
Total	$651 00

Clyde District	200 00
Boilston Circuit	25 00
Culberson "	50 00
Dellwood "	70 00
Elf "	50 00
Franklin "	40 00
Highlands "	70 00
Pisgah "	25 00
Unaka "	60 00
Wilmot "	60 00
Total	$651 00

Gladstone District	$200 00
Chandler's and Troy Circuit	20 00
Daisy "	60 00
Gladstone "	50 00

Gray's Chapel	"	29 00
Greensboro and Haw River	"	50 00
Huntersville	"	29 00
Jamestown	"	20 00
Eagle Springs	"	64 00
Pilot Mountain	"	60 00
Silver Hill	"	29 00
Staley	"	20 00
Total		$631.00

Statesville District	200 00
Catawba Circuit	60 00
Gastonia Circuit	50 00
Golden and Shelby Circuit	45 00
Harmony Circuit	35 00
Statesville Circuit	31 00
Trap Hill and Roaring Gap	100 00
Wilkesboro	40 00
Yadkin	50 00
Zion	40 00
Total	$651 00

Morehead City District		$200 00
Avon Circuit		10 00
Elizabeth City Circuit		70 00
Harker's Island	"	75 00
Morehead City	"	40 00
Newberne	"	40 00
New River	"	55 00
Ocracoke	"	45 00
Swansboro	"	75 00
Wildwood	"	40 00
Robeson	"	20 00
Total		$670 00

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that at Clyde, N. C., on September 27, 1896, I ordained the following to the office of Deacon in the Church of God:

M. M. Ratchford,
C. L. Nash.

At the same time and at the same place, assisted by several Elders, I ordained to the office of Elder in the Church of God :

J. L. Stephenson,
D. S. George,
F. M. Keith.

F. W. MALLALIEU.

STATISTICS No. 1, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.

DISTRICTS. / CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAPTISM		SUN. SCHOOL			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	No. Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and improving churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on church property.	Present indebtedness on church property.
ASHEVILLE.																
Asheville	4	73	...	2	..	.	1	3	25	..						
Asheville Circuit	13	200	1	3	.	11	5	25	200	5	2000	1	300	10	.	3
Catawba	..	50	1	..	11	1	2	12	101	3	500		.		.	
Columbus..	8	17			5	20	1	10	65							
Gastonia	33	94	.	2	4	3	4	20	150	7	1850	1	200		.	3
Harmony	43	323	1	2	.	7	5	40	300	5	3000		.	20	.	
Marion	11	284		3	1	13	4	26	175	3	1500		.	100	.	
Skyland	..	140	1	3	.....	1	.	.	.	2	600				.	
Yadkinville	15	270	3	4	2	16	5	30	360	4	1300	1	200	2	.	
Zion	60	360	3	2	10	52	8	42	440	7	3050			10	53	.
TOTAL	187	1811	10	21	33	124	35	208	1816	36	13800	3	700	142	53	6
BAKERSVILLE.																
Bakersville	141	220	2	6	7		5	30	299	4	4500	1	150	180	20	20
Boone	20	175	1	1	1	6	4	15	100	5	2300			.....	.	.
Burnsville	8	104	.	1	.	6	3	18	157	1	600	1	125		.	.
Creston	60	194	2	3	1	13	5	20	300	2	800		.	250	.	
Jefferson	.	447	4	3	8	23	4	20	150	7	4300	1	400		.	
Moutezuma	20	250	5	2	.	12	3	25	200	4	5000		.	50	.	200
Mt. Bethel	12	100	1	1		. .	2	9	80	2	1000	1	50		.	75
Roaring G'p Traphill	43	333	3	1		12	5	24	240	6	1800	1	300	375	.	.
Wilkesboro	25	135	1	1	2	10	3	35	155	3	1200		. .	.	30	15
TOTAL	329	1958	19	19	19	82	34	196	1681	34	21500	5	1025	855	50	310
CLYDE.																
Boyltson	8	156	1	1	1	1	1	4	20	3	1600	1	300	225	.	.
Cashiers	...	21	..	1	. .	. .	.	. .	.	2	700		.	50	.	.
Clyde Circuit	38	357	4	4	11	2	6	40	380	6	5000	1	600		.	.
Culberson	10	140	..	..	3	6	1	6	40			1	100	100	.	.
Delwood	30	65	1	1	5	3	2	7	65	1	600			.. ..	.	.
Elf	10	145	.	1	4	8	2	8	50	2	1300	1	300	. .	.	.
Highlands	6	85	1	2	1	10	3	6	75	2	1500	1	50	100	.	100
Leicester	25	295	.	.	.	20	5	25	250	4	3000	1	400	300	80	80
Pisgah	25	207	2	1	2	8	4	24	200	4	2500	1	500		.	
Unaka	6	120	2	4	2	2	.	.	.	4	2300	1	160	540	.	
Wilmot	10	118	2	2	.	.	2	8	80	2	1200					100

STATISTICS No. 3, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.

NAME OF CHARGE — DISTRICTS.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS			RECEIPTS.				Support of Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS Received from				Current Expenses	
		Salary	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.	Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.	Total.	Church; Sexton Light, Fuel, Etc	Sunday School; Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
ASHEVILLE.																		
Asheville	R W Vining	$ 100		100	20		20	73									11	3
Asheville Circuit	F C Croker	218	50	268	20	50	250	15	25	23	1	1	2			2	15	25
Catawba	J P Brantly	58		58	43		43	18	5	5								
Columbus	A S Beaman	50		50	35		35	15	20	2								
Gastonia	F W Bradley	150		150	63		63	87	22	22		1						
Harmony	J M Heath	170	12	182	158	8	166	16	27	27	1	1	2			2		10
Marion	M M Ratchford	150		150	100		100	50	30	26								5
Skyland	E S Robinson	125		125	60		60	65	20	13								
Yadkinville	J J Rhyne	55		55	47		47	8	13	13	1	1	1			1	2	7
Zion	D A Lanier	100		100	95		95	5	21	15	1	1	1			1		
TOTAL		1235	62	1297	846	58	898	361	183	142	3	5	6			6	28	50
BAKERSVILLE.																		
Bakersville	Erwin Anderson	270	18	6	13	18	153	213	25	17	1	1						
Boone	J B Tucker	175		175	90		90	85	10	6	1		1			1		4
Burnsville	Jesse F Usrey	130	10	14	45		45	95	10	6	1	1	1			1		
Crestos	C M Warden	131		131	80		80	51	20	17	1		1			1		10
Jefferson	J H Rominger	300	25	325	183	25	208	117	40	37	1		1			1		10
Montezuma	F A L Clark	250		250	129		129	121	30	11	1	1	1			1	10	15
Mt Bethel	George W. Brown	80	6	86	80	6	86	50	10	6								
Roaring Gp & Traphill	James A Sisk	100	30	103	50	30	100	70	20	18								
Wilkesboro	David S Richardson	110		11	40		40	70	10	13	1	1	1			1	4	5
TOTAL		1395	93	1600	710	85	904	780	193	137	7	4	6			6	14	44
CLYDE.																		
Boylston	W A Ballew	160	10	170	88	10	98	72	20	20			2			2		
Cashiers	A Traylor	75		75	35		35	40	12	12								
Clyde Circuit	W C Matney	400	50	450	264	50	340	110	35	35	1	1	2			2	23	30
Culberson	L A Rominger	200	25	225	100	25	125	100	20	28								
Delwood	M A West	180		18	60		60	120	22	22	1							
Elf	D M Matherson	125	20	145	81	20	101	60	20	15			1			1		3
Highlands	G W Matney	150	20	170	140	20	160	10	20	20			1			1		5
Lesslie	J L Dennis	305	25	330	251	25	276	53	25	23	2	1	1			2	15	10

STATISTICS No. 4, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.

DISTRICTS. / CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.							EDUCATION.									
	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman'sForeign Miss'ry Society.	Woman's Home Miss'ry Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.
ASHEVILLE.																
Asheville	3		3	1												
Asheville Circuit	10		10	4	1			5				1	1	2		
Catawba	2		2	1			1	1								
Columbus																
Gastonia	6		6	1		1	1	10		1		1	1	1		
Harmony	9		9	3	1		2	1			1	1	1	2		
Marion	8		8	1	1		1					1	1	1		
Skyland	6		6				1	2								
Yadkinville	8		8	4	1	1	2			1			1	1		
Zion	8		8	1	1		2					1	1	1		
TOTAL	60		60	16	5	2	10	19		2	1	5	6	8		
BAKERSVILLE.																
Bakersville	8		8	2				2				2	1			
Boone	1		1											1		
Burnsville	2		2	1			1									
Creston	6		6	3	1		2					1		1		
Jefferson	8		8	6		1	2							1		
Montezuma	6	5	11	4	1	1		4				1	1	1	1	
Mt. Bethel	3		3													
Roaring G'p Traphill	10		10	3	1	1	3					2	1	1		
Wilkesboro	4		4	2	1	1							1	1		
TOTAL	48	5	53	21	4	4	8	6				6	4	6	1	
CLYDE.																
Boyltson	9		9	1			1	1						2		
Cashiers	3		3	2												
Clyde Circuit	24	2	26	8	1	1	3	2					1	3	5	
Culberson	6		6	5												
Delwood	3		3	1	1											
Elf	1		1											1		
Highlands	10		10	5	1			1			1	1		1		
Leicester	10		10	8	1	1	1	1					1	1		
Pisgah	6	2	8	3			2							2		
	6		6	5			2				1			1		

TREASURER'S REPORT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1896.

DISTRICTS. / CHARGES.	Missionary Society.		Church Extension.		Sunday School Union.		Tract Society.		Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.		EDUCATION. Children's Fund.		EDUCATION. Other Educational Objects.		Bible Society.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.		Woman's Home Missionary Society.		Episcopal Fund.		Conference Claimants.		General Conference Expenses.		RECAPITULATION. Total Cash.	Total Vouchers	Total Cash and Vouchers.
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.			
ASHEVILLE.																													
Asheville	3		1																								4		4
Catawba Circuit	2		1						1		1																5		5
Gastonia "	6		1				1		1		10								1		1		1				23		23
Harmony "	9		3		1						1						1		1		1		2				21		21
Marion "	8		1		1				1										1		1		1				14		14
Skyland "	6								1		2																9		9
Yadkinville "	8		4		1		1		2						1						1		1				19		19
Zion "	8		1		1				2										1		1		1				15		15
Asheville "	10		4		1						5								1		1		2				24		24
TOTAL	60		16		5		2		10		19		2		1		5		6		8						134		134
BAKERSVILLE.																													
Bakersville Circuit	8		2									2							2		1						13	2	15
Boone "	1																						1				2		2
Burnsville "	2		1						1																		4		4
Creston "	6		3		1				2										1				1				14		14
Jefferson "	8		6				1		2														1				18		18
Montezuma "	11		4		1		1				4								1		1		1			1	24	1	25
Mt. Bethel	3																										3		3
Roaring Gap Traphill	10		3		1		1		3										2		1		1				22		22
Wilkesboro Circuit	2	2	2		1		1														1		1				8	2	10
TOTAL	51	2	21		4		4		8		4	2							6		4		6			1	108	5	113
CLYDE.																													
Boyltson Circuit	9		1						1		1												2				14		14
Cashiers "	3		2																								5		5
Clyde "	26		8		1		1		3			2									1		3			5	43	7	50
Culberson "	6			5																							6	5	11
Delwood "	3		1		1																						5		5
Elf "	1																						1				2		2

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Ratchford, M. M.	"	Dillsboro, N. C.	1894
Tucker, J. B.	"	Irvin, N. C.	1895
Traylor, A.	Deacon	Elf, N. C.	
West, W. R.	"	Athlone, N. C.	1890
Warden, C. M.	"	Martin, N. C.	1895
Winkler, E. J.	Elder	Wilkesboro, N. C.	1888
Christenbury, H. D.	"	Chandler, N. C.	1884

All admitted on trial.

PROBATIONERS.

Morris, C. C.	Licentiate	Troy, N. C.	1897
Doub, J. N. S.	"	New Salem, N. C.	1894
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Halton, W. C.	"	Chattanooga, Tenn	1894
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Johnson, A. L.	"	Golden N. C.	1896
Richardson, J. C.	"	Traphill, N. C.	1896
Richardson, W. B.	Elder		1896
West, M. A.	Licentiate	Unaka, N. C.	1890

SUPERNUMERARY.

Beaman, W. B.	Deacon	Troy, N. C.	1892
Broyles, M. W.	Elder	Alto, N. C.	1881
Cannon, J. R.	"	Washington, D. C	1882
Nelson, E. J.	Deacon		1889
Rawlings, W.	Elder	Cherry Ridge, Tenn.	1888
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Patterson, J. H.	Elder,	East Bend, N. C.	1888
Richardson, D. S.	Deacon	Settle, N. C.	1888
Rominger, J. H.	"	Montezuma, N. C.	1892
Ratchford, M. M.	"	Dillsboro, N. C.	1894
Tucker, J. B.	"	Irvin, N. C.	1895
Traylor, A.	Deacon	Elf, N. C.	
West, W. R.	"	Athlone, N. C.	1890
Warden, C. M.	"	Martin, N. C.	1895
Winkler, E. J.	Elder	Wilkesboro, N. C.	1888
Christenbury, H. D.	"	Chandler, N. C.	1884

All admitted on trial.

PROBATIONERS.

Morris, C. C.	Licentiate	Troy, N. C.	1897
Doub, J. N. S.	"	New Salem, N. C.	1894
Corbett, L. W.	"	Plateau, N. C.	1896
Halton, W. C.	"	Chattanooga, Tenn	1894
Graybeal, D. M.	"	Graybeal, N. C.	1896
Johnson, A. L.	"	Golden N. C.	1896
Richardson, J. C.	"	Traphill, N. C.	1896
Richardson, W. B.	Elder		1896
West, M. A.	Licentiate	Unaka, N. C.	1890

SUPERNUMERARY.

Beaman, W. B.	Deacon	Troy, N. C.	1892
Broyles, M. W.	Elder	Alto, N. C.	1881
Cannon, J. R.	"	Washington, D. C	1882
Nelson, E. J.	Deacon		1889
Rawlings, W.	Elder	Cherry Ridge, Tenn.	1888
Reynolds, E. H.	"		1889
Rhyne, J. J.	Deacon	Eupeptic Springs, N. C.	1887
Verner, Hardy	"	Settle, N. C.	1888

York, J. P.	Elder	Daisy, N. C.	1888
Brantley, J. P.	"		1894
Croker, T. C.	"	Gastonia, N. C.	1888
Matherson, D. N.	"		1888
Rominger, L. A.	Deacon		1886
Robinson, E. S.	"	Fig, N. C.	1893

SUPERANNUATE.

Matton, W. G.	Elder	High Point, N. C.	1880
Franklin, D. N.	"		1885
Penley, L. J.	"	Lucister, N. C.	1888
Smith, C. W.	"	Montezuma, N. C.	1885

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

1897.

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT—Bishop E. G. Andrews, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

SECRETARY—A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—A. L. Johnson.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY—D. S. George.

ASSISTANT STATISTICAL SECRETARY—C. M. Warden.

TREASURER—Edwin Anderson.

ASSISTANT TREASURER—J. L. Dennis.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

EXAMINERS:

A. Graybeal, President; W. C. Matney, Register; J. S. Burnett, D. S. George, E. Anderson, T. C. Croker, J. L. Dennis, C. W. Smith, J. H. Gillespie, H. D. Christenberry, E. J. Winkler, J. H. Patterson.

TRIERS OF APPEALS:

W. J. Evans, H. D. Christenberry, E. J. Winkler, Edwin Anderson, W. C. Matney, F. A. L. Clark, N. M. Cooper.

To preach the annual Missionary Sermon—D. S. George.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Held in Walkertown, Oct. 14-17, 1897.

BISHOP E. G. ANDREWS, Presiding.
A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.
Post Office of Secretary, Montezuma, N. C.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? W. S. Moore, from Atlantic Mission Conference, received as a probationer in the 2nd year.

2. Who have been Readmitted? None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) *In Studies of First Year:* Charlie C. Morris.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) *In Studies of First Year:* W. B. Richardson and J. C. Richardson. (b) *In Studies of Second Year:* D. M. Graybeal, A. L. Johnson, L. W. Corbett, J. N. S. Doub, W. C. Holton, M. A. West.

6. Who have been discontinued? W. H. Roach, at his own request; T. A. Plyler and G. W. Brown.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership. (a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year:* M. G. Ledford, A. S. Beaman, W. S. Moore, C. M. Warden. (b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons Previously:* J. B. Tucker.

8. What members are in Studies of Third Year? (a) *Admitted into Full Membership this Year:* M. G. Ledford, A. S. Beaman, W. S. Moore, C. M. Warden. (b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously:* A. Traylor, J. P. Brantley, M. M. Ratchford, J. H. Rominger, G. W. Matney, W. B. Beaman, H. Verner, J. H. Hopkins.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? J. B. Tucker, J. J. Rhyne, J. P. York, E. S. Robinson, J. M. Heath, E. G. Nelson, W. R. West, D. S. Richardson, and L. C. Nash.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of study? (b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously*: Edwin Anderson.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) *As Local Preachers*: Thomas B. Garland.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? (a) *As Local Deacons*: None. (b) *Under Missionary Rule*: None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each was called in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? U. S. White, to Atlantic Mission Conference; Benjamin Templeton, to St. John's River Conference.

15. Who have died? A. H. Peeples.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? None.

17. Who have been Located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? F. W. Bradley.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

20. Who have been Expelled? None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made? Noah L. Fulk, coming from the Protestant Methodist Church, properly recommended, his Local Elder's orders were recognized. F. M. Welborn, from Baptist Church, Elder's orders recognized.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? Wm. Rawlings, J. R. Cannon, M. W. Broyles, E. H. Reynolds, W. B. Beaman, H. Verner, E. G. Nelson, E. S. Robinson, D. N. Matherson, L. A. Rominger, J. P. Brantley, J. P. York, J. J. Rhyne, T. C. Croker.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? W. G. Matton, L. J. Penley, D. N. Franklin, C. W. Smith.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. J. Evans, H. D. Christenberry, E. J. Winkler, Edwin Anderson, W. C. Matney, F. A. L. Clark and N. M. Cooper.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical Tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $464.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? $359.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? See report of Committee.

29. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of Appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Marion, N. C.

OUR DEAD.

NAME	DIED	ADMITTED	
F. M. Fanning,	1881	1880	From Holston
J. N. Barker,	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference
R. M. Witt,	1890	1880	From Holston
D. M. Clayton,	1891	1880	From Holston
W. F. Parker,	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial
R. A. F. Smith,	1883	1888	On trial
S. D. Tipton,	1893	1890	On trial
J. W. Naylor,	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference
T. W. Matney,	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial
A. F. English,	1896		
A. H. Peeples,	1897	1885	On trial

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

—MRS. MAKAY.

APPOINTMENTS—1897.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

A. Graybeal, P. E., Montezuma, N. C.

Asheville and Columbus.....*A. S. Beaman
Bakersville.....*J. H. Rominger
Boone.....D. A. Lanier
Burnsville.....*W. R. West
Creston.....*D. M. Graybeal
Jefferson.....J. H. Gillespie
Marion.....*M. G. Ledford
Montezuma.....Edwin Anderson
Toe River Mission.....Sup. by T. B. Garland

W. C. Halton left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

J. F. Matney, P. E. Clyde, N. C.

Clyde.....W. C. Matney
Culberson.....W. A. Ballew
Dellwood and Waynesville.....S. A. Earnhardt
Dillsboro.....*M. M. Ratchford
Elf.....*A. Traylor
Highlands.....*G. W. Matney
Irvin.....*J. B. Tucker
Leicester.....C. F. Casstevens
Pisgah.....J. L. Dennis
Unaka.....*M. A. West
Wilmot.....W. J. Evans

GLADSTONE DISTRICT.

J. S. Burnett, P. E., Gladstone, N. C.

Chandler.....H. D. Christenberry
Daisy.....D. S. George
Gladstone.....*W. S. Moore
Graham.....To be supplied
Greensboro.....N. M. Cooper
Huntersville.....*J. H. Hopkins
Lexington.....*L. C. Nash
New Salem.....*J. N. S. Doub
Proximity.....Sup. by F. M. Keith
Troy.....*C. C. Morris

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

A. J. Johnson, P. E., Buck Shoals, N. C.

Blue Ridge.....Sup. by James Bumgarner

Caldwell.....*L. W. Corbitt
Gastonia and Clifton.....F. A. L. Clark
Golden and Shelby.....*A. L. Johnson
Harmony.....J. M. Heath
Hickory.....To be supplied.....
Statesville.....J. H. Patterson
Traphill.....*J. C. Richardson
Wilkesboro.....E. J. Winkler
Yadkin and Pilot.....*D. S. Richardson
Zion.....*C. M. Warden

*Undergraduates

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 1897.

OPENING.—The Blue Ridge Conference convened for its nineteenth session in Morris Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, at Walkertown, N. C., at 9 A. M., Bishop E. G. Andrews presiding.

SACRAMENTAL SERVICES.—After reading Scripture lessons and singing the hymn "Just as I am without one plea," the Bishop, assisted by A. Graybeal and J. F. Matney, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ROLL CALL.—A. Graybeal, Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll, and the following answered to their names, viz: Edwin Anderson, C. F. Casstevans, T. C. Croker, N. M. Cooper, J. L. Dennis, D. S. George, W. J. Evans, A. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, J. H. Hopkins, D. A. Lanier, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, L. C. Nash, D. S. Richardson, J. H. Rominger, A. S. Beaman, J. N. S. Doub, L. W. Corbitt, D. M. Graybeal, A. L. Johnson, M. G. Ledford, J. B. Tucker, W. B. Richardson, C. M. Warden, H. D. Christenberry, J. J. Rhyne, J. P. York.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.—On motion of J. L. Dennis, A. Graybeal was elected Secretary by acclamation, with privilege of nominating his assistant.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—On motion of the secretary, A. L. Johnson was elected Assistant Secretary.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.—On motion of A. Graybeal, D. S. George was elected Statistical Secretary. Upon his nomina-

tion C. M. Warden was elected assistant.

TREASURER.—On motion, Edwin Anderson was elected Treasurer and J. L. Dennis assistant.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—The Presiding Elders made the following nominations for Standing Committees, and on vote they were adopted, viz:

1. PUBLIC WORSHIP.—J. S. Burnett, D. S. George.

2. CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—Presiding Elders.

3. CHURCH EXTENSION.—C. F. Casstevens, M. G. Ledford, M. C. Warden.

4. EDUCATION.—A. Graybeal, A. S. Beaman, A. L. Johnson.

5. MISSIONS.—Presiding Elders.

6. FREEDMANS' AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.—J. L. Dennis, C. C. Morris, L. C. Nash, J. B. Tucker.

7. TRACTS.—D. M. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, J. P. Brantley.

8. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Edwin Anderson, H. D. Christenberry, L. A. Rominger.

9. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—D. S. George, D. S. Richardson, D. A. Lanier.

10. STATE OF THE CHURCH.—A. Graybeal, J. F. Matney, T. C. Croker.

11. AUDITING.—J. L. Dennis, J. H. Rominger, J. H. Patterson, N. M. Cooper.

12. PERIODICALS.—W. C. Matney, M. G. Ledford, F. A. L. Clark, E. Anderson.

13. TEMPERANCE.—A. J. Johnson, J. H. Gillespie, J. N. S. Doub.

14. CONFERENCE STEWARDS.—A. Graybeal, W. J. Evans, T. C. Croker, J. B. Tucker, J. L. Dennis.

15. BIBLE CAUSE.—J. H. Gillespie, J. M. Heath, D. M. Graybeal.

16. MEMOIRS.—M. G. Ledford, A. L. Johnson, J. H. Patterson.

17. DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.—W. C. Matney, J. C. Richardson, M. G. Ledford, A. L. Johnson.

18. GOSPEL IN ALL LANDS AND METHODIST REVIEW.—J. H. Gillespie.

TIME OF MEETING AND ADJOURNING.—On motion of D. S. George the time of meeting was fixed at 8 a. m., and to adjourn at 11:45 a. m.

BAR OF CONFERENCE.—On motion the Bar of the Conference was fixed so as to include the seats in front of the stove.

INTRODUCTION.—Bro. Bell, of the Western Book Concern, was introduced to the Conference.

PAPERS REFERRED.—Papers on various subjects were given to the Secretary to be passed to the chairmen of the committees.

APPORTIONMENTS.—On motion of A. J. Johnson, the Presiding Elders were made a committee on apportionments.

DRAFTS.—Drafts on the Book Concern for $304, and Chartered Fund for $22 were ordered.

13TH QUESTION.—The 13th question was taken up. Asheville District was called. A. Graybeal was called, his character passed and he read a report of his District. E. Anderson was called, his character passed and he reported his work. Also the following undergraduates were called, their character passed and they reported their work, either in person or by the presiding elder:—E. S. Robinson, M. G. Ledford, W. H. Roach, W. R. West, D. M. Graybeal, J. H. Rominger, the question of their classes being defered until some future time. F. A. L. Clark and C. W. Smith were called, their character passed and the Presiding Elder reported their work.

Clyde District was called, and J. F. Matney, after his character passed, read a report of his District. The following elders were called, their character passed, and they reported their work in person or through the Presiding Elder, W. A. Ballew, W. C. Matney, D. M. Matherson, C. F. Casstevens, J. L. Dennis. Also the following undergraduates were called, their character passed and their reports made:—L. A. Rominger, J. B. Tucker, G. W. Matney, M. A. West, M. M. Ratchford, A. Traylor, the question of their classes was defered until some future time.

TRANSFER.—U. S. White was announced as being transferred to the Coast Mission Conference.

DR. PALMER.—Dr. A. J. Palmer, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of Missionary Society, was introduced, and made

stiring addresses on the work committed to his charge.

STATISTICAL MEETING.—On motion of A. Graybeal a meeting for gathering statistics was ordered. W. C. Matney was appointed to preside. 2:30 p. m. was fixed as the time of meeting.

Announcements were made and benediction was pronounced by Dr. Palmer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2:30 p. m. After devotions, the chairman, W. C. Matney, called the list of appointments for statistical reports. Nearly all of the reports were passed to the secretaries and treasurer.

Announcements were made, and benediction pronounced by D. S. George.

SECOND DAY.

DEVOTIONS.—Conference met at 8 a. m. Devotional exercises were led by J. B. Tucker.

ABSENTEES.—Roll of absentees was called.

MINUTES.—Minutes of yesterday's session were read, and after a few corrections, were adopted.

TRANSFERS.—B. Templeton was announced as having been transfered to the St. Johns River Conference, and Wm. Daniels to the Puget Sound Conference.

DELINQUENTS.—The statistical secretary and treasurer read the list of delinquents.

13TH QUESTION.—The 13th question was resumed. A. J. Johnson was called, his character passed, and he read a report of his district. The following Elders were called, their character passed and reports made, viz: T. C. Croker, J. H. Patterson, E. J. Winkler, D. A. Lanier. Also the following undergraduates were called, their character passed and reports made, either in person or through the Presiding Elder, and the question of their classes defered until some future time, viz: L. W. Corbett, J. M. Heath, A. L. Johnson, D. S. Richardson, J. C. Richardson, C. M. Warden.

GLADSTONE District was called. J. S. Burnett, after his character passed, read a report of his work. The following

elders were called, their character passed and reports made, viz: J. H. Gillespie, N. M. Cooper, D. S. George, W. J. Evans. Also the following were called, their character passed and they reported their work either in person or through the Presiding Elder, the question of their classes being defered until some future time:—L. C. Nash, J. H. Hopkins, J. N. S. Doub, W. B. Richardson. Also the following supplies reported their work, viz: F. M. Keith, of Jamestown charge and J. F. Hunter, of Pilot, Mt.

22ND QUESTION was taken up, "Who are Supernumerary preachers?" H. D. Christenberry, Wm. Rawlings, and J. J. Rhyne were called, their character passed and they were refered to the committee on Conference Relations. J. R. Cannon, M. W. Broyles, E. H. Reynolds, W. B. Beaman, H. Verner, E. G. Nelson, G. W. Brown, were called, their character passed and they were continued in their present relation. It was announced that F. W. Bradley had withdrawn from our church and had gone to the M. E. Church South. J. P. York and S. A. Earnhardt, refered to committee on Conference Relations.

J. S. PETTY, of the Holston Conference, and agent of the Advocate-Journal, was introduced to the Conference.

23RD QUESTION was taken up, "Who are the Superannuated preachers?" A. H. Peeples died during the year. W. G. Matton, L. J. Penley and D. N. Franklin were ealled, their character passed and they were continued in their present relation.

QUESTION 5, "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. D. M. Graybeal, A. L. Johnson, L. W. Corbett, J. N. S. Doub, were called, the examining committee reported their grades, their Presiding Elders represented them and they were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year. T. A. Plyler and W. B. Richardson were called, and not having been before the examining committee, their character passed and they were continned in the first year. J. C. Richardson was continued on trial in the studies of the first year, credit being given in the following books in the first year, Harman, Christian Perfection and Rhetoric. W.

H. Roach was discontinued at his own request. M. G. Ledford was passed in the studies of the first and second years. A. S. Beaman was passed in the studies of the first and second years. W. S. Moore was announced as having been transfered to us from the Atlantic Mission Conference and reserved on trial on the studies of the second year.

9TH QUESTION, "Who are in the studies of the fourth year?" was taken up. L. C. Nash was called, examining committee reported, presiding elder represented him and he was passed to the studies of the fourth year, being required to bring up Hermoneutics. The following were called, and they were continued in studies of the third year, viz: M. M. Ratchford, A. Traylor, J. H. Rominger, G. W. Matney, W. B. Beaman, H. Verner, J. H. Hopkins and J. P. Brantley.

10TH QUESTION, "What members have completed the Conference course of study?" was taker up. The following were called, their character passed, and they were continued in the studies of the fourth year, viz: J. P. York, J. J. Rhyne, W. R. West, D. S. Richardson, E. S. Robinson, J. M. Heath, E. G. Nelson.

E. Anderson was called, committee reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was passed from the course of study, having been ordained previously.

DRAFT.—A. draft of $10, our share of the bequests of Attalia F. Christian and Carolina Clark, was ordered.

The Secretary read a paper from the Book Concern, giving the wonderful achievements of our publishing houses.

J. H. Gillespie was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning.

Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8 a. m. J. S. Burnett conducted the devotional exercises.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—Committee on Conference Relations reported. On motion of J. S. Burnett, T. A. Plyler was discontinued. On motion of J. L. Dennis, H. D. Christenberry was made effective. On motion of J. S. Burnett, J. P.

York was continued on the supernumerary list, and requested to locate at next Conference. On motion of A. J. Johnson, J. J. Rhyne was continued on the supernumary list. On motion of J. S. Burnett, S. A. Earnhardt was made effective. On motion of A. Graybeal, C. W. Smith was placed on the list of superannuates, on account of ill health. On motion of A. Graybeal, E. S. Robinson was placed on the supernumerary list, and requested to locate at the next session of the Annual Conference, unless he decides to receive an appointment. On motion J. L. Matney, D. N. Matherson was placed on the supernumerary list. On motion of J. F. Matney, L. A. Rominger was placed on the supernumerary list, and requested to locate. On motion of A. J. Johnson, J. P. Brantly was placed on the supernumerary list and requested to locate.

FOURTH QUESTION, "Who have been received on Trial?" was taken up. Upon recommendation of Gladstone District Conference, C. C. Morris was received on trial.

RECOGNITION OF ORDERS.—Noah L. Fulk, coming from the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced to the Conference, and his elder's orders recognized. Also F. M. Welborn coming from the Baptist Church, was introduced to the Conference, and his Elder's orders recognized, on condition that he take the ordination vows.

7TH QUESTION was taken up, "Who have been admitted into full membership?" M. G. Ledford, D. M. Graybeal, A. S. Beaman, were admitted to full membership, and elected to deacons orders, and placed in the studies of the third year. C. M. Warden was also admitted to full membership, and elected to deacon's orders and placed in the studies of the third year. J. B. Tucker was admitted into full membership, and placed in the studies of the fourth year, being required to bring up the "Supernatural Book," he having been ordained deacon previously. W. S. Moore, having passed the examination in the Atlantic Mission Conference, was admitted to full membership, and elected to deacon's orders. W. C. Halton was continued on trial in the second year and left without an appointment to attend school. G. W. Brown was discontinued. M. A. West was continued on trial in the studies of the second year.

Local Orders.—Upon recommendation, T. B. Garland was elected to local deacon's orders.

Introduction.—W. M. Curtis, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of A. Graybeal, a vote was taken on the proposition to reduce the ratio of ministerial representation in the General Conference, with the following result: For, 7; against, 16.

J. F. Matney mentioned the matter of the proceeds of a sale of church property in Tryon. The following motion prevailed: That, so far as the authority of this Conference is concerned in the case, it gives permission to the trustees of Irvin circuit, formerly Boyeston circuit, to use such money for other purposes on the above named circuit. J. S. Petty, D. D., addressed the Conference in the interest of the Advocate-Journal.

J. S. Burnett moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 1:30 p. m.

Report of Committees.—W. C. Matney reported for the District Conference records. See report, which was adopted.

J. L. Dennis read a report of the Auditing Committee. See report, which was adopted.

C. F. Casstevens read a report on Church Extension Society. Adopted.

J. H. Gillespie read a report on the Bible Cause. Adopted.

J. L. Dennis read a report on the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. Adopted.

D. M. Graybeal read a report on Tracts. Adopted.

After the announcements, Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 1:30 p. m. E. Anderson led the devotions.

Minutes of Morning Session were read and approved.

Reports.—W. C. Matney read a report on Periodicals. See report, which was adopted. A. Graybeal read report on Conference Stewards. See report, which was adopted. M. G. Ledford read a report of the committee on Memoirs. See report, which was adopted. M. G. Ledford read a report on Temperance. See report, which was adopted.

F. M. Welborn, whose elder's orders had been recognized, was called forward, and he took the ordination vows.

On motion of A. Graybeal, the small amounts W. G. Matton and A. H. Peeples were due the Book Concern, were taken from the amounts allowed them from the Superannuates fund.

30TH QUESTION, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. M. G. Ledford nominated Stroud's Chapel, Marion, N. C., which place was selected.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.—L. C. Nash read a resolution of thanks to those who have entertained us during the Conference. Resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

M. G. Ledford read resolution of thanks to the Bishop and Secretary. Adopted.

Treasurer read his report, which was adopted.

On motion of A. Graybeal the plan of last year was adopted to raise funds for the publication of the minutes.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow (Sunday) night to complete the business and hear the appointments.

NIGHT SESSION.

After the sermon by W. Q. A. Graham, the minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and approved. Statistical Secretary read his report, which was adopted.

A. Graybeal read a letter from Mrs. Gilbert, of Washington, D. C., concerning the work of the Home Missionary Society.

J. S. Burnett read the report of the committee on Missions. See report, which was adopted.

On motion of A. J. Johnson, T. C. Croker was placed on the supernumerary list.

The Secretary read the nominations for Conference Committees. See list, which was adopted.

The Bishop lead the Conference in an earnest prayer, after which the appointments were read.

Conference adjourned *sine die*.

E. G. ANDREWS, President.

I certify that the above is the official journal of the Blue Ridge Conference. A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

Resolutions and Reports.

MEMOIRS.

Rev. A. H. Peeples was born in Guilford County, N. C., in Dec. 31, 1846, and died April 27, 1897. He was converted in the year 1870. He worked as a local preacher about six years. He traveled as a minister of the gospel in the M. E. Church for about 12 years. On account of failure of health two years before his death, he was placed on the superannuated list. He was a faithful embassador of the gospel of Jesus and was very loyal to the church of his choice, and was not afraid to express his views though it brought on persecution. His last hours were his happiest. On the night of the 25th of April, last, he told his friends he was soon going to die, and on the morning of the 27th, as the sun was rising in the eastern horizon, one of his family told him it was day and he asked to be raised up, and he knelt and prayed to God to keep his wife and bless the church, and his soul took its flight to the "Home of the Soul."

Inasmuch as Rev. A. H. Peeples, a member of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference, has passed away from our midst during the year,

Resolved, That, while we are resigned to our Father who hath done all things well, we lament the departure of so faithful a worker and co-laborer in the Master's vineyard.

Resolved further, That, we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and pray God's blessings upon her.

M. G. Ledford, Chairman.
A. L. Johnson.

REPORT OF YOUR EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The great need of education is clearly seen, and we trust keenly felt by all our preachers. North Carolina has a greater percentage of illiteracy among its white population than that of any other state or territory in the Union except New Mexico.

The State has made recent attempts to correct and improve this condition, but the effort was not acceptable to the people. It therefore becomes the duty of our church to take more aggressive measures looking to the education of our people. Our district schools have been doing good work, but not all that should or might have been done.

We are glad to know that our Conference District schools are doing a splendid work, and we recommend that all our pastors earnestly solicit our people to attend said schools.

In view of the great need of better educational facilities for our young preachers, we recommend that special attention be given to the upbuilding of "Central Industrial Institute," at Columbus, and that each minister be regarded as agents to secure Students and money for this school. A charter for this school was granted by the last Legislature.

A. Graybeal, Ch'm'n.
A. S. Beaman.
A. L. Johnson,

Resolved That, we the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, tender our thanks to the good people of this community for the kindness they have shown us, and for the hospitality that we have received at their hands, and pray that the Lord may abundantly bless them for the same; and we also thank the Southern Railroad Company for reduced rates granted, L. C. NASH.

Resolved, That, we recommend the declaration of principles as found in our book of Discipline as found on pages 348 and 349. We further recommend a public Temperance meeting at 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

A. J. JOHNSON.
M. G. LEDFORD,
J. N. S. DOUB.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

We, as a Conference, feel very proud of the great work that has been done by the church extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for what it still proposes to do, provided we do our part in assisting this grand and noble work. Therefore be it

Resolved That, our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion with care the full amount asked for Church Extension to the several Districts and pastoral charges for collections, and that every pastor immediately after returning to his charge will proceed to raise the entire amount assigned to his charge.

C. F. CASSTEVENS, Ch'm'n,
C. M. WARDEN,
M. G. LEDFORD,
Committee.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

The influence of good religious literature cannot easily be overestimated. Especially is this true in the formative period of life where a good book or even a good article read may, and often has been instrumental in directing and inciting the thoughts to channels of purity and truth and in stimulating desire and aspiration for a noble, consistent, Christian character and life. Our children will, as a rule, read, and what they read will determine what they will be. People express surprise at the amount of pernicious literature read. Yet, in frequent cases, how little have Christian parents done to check the evil by about the only possible method—namely by creating a better taste by a supply of better food. We should therefore, as ministers emulate the example set us by the early fathers of Methodism in laboring earnestly and persistently to circulate the books and periodicals issued from the presses of our Book Concerns which, for excellence and, —considering the quality—cheapness are unsurpassed by any publishing house or company in the country. Our motto should be our own denominational literature and singing books in all our Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, our own hymnals in all our congregations, and one of our own Advocates in every home of our members.

Church membership implies allegiance obligation to the constituted authorities, adherence to the distinctive doctrines and polity, and obligation accord-

ing to ability to maintain the institutions of the denomination with which one is connected. Our obligation to circulate our own denominational literature in preference to any other is heightened by the consideration of the fact that the profits occuring from the sales of the books and periodicals of our Book Concerns is expended largely in the support of the superannuated preachers of our conferences, their widows and orphans. From this fund our Conference receives this year $304. The religious paper is a great and important factor in all forms of Christian activity, although it is not a paper to supply general news, it is eminently designed to stimulate and encourage humanity: it is the ally of every pastor and church officer, and the friend of every worker. It is the universal testimony of pastors that their most efficient and earnest helpers are readers of church papers. There can be no ground of hope for broad and liberal views, for generous contributions, for noble Christian fruit from church members who will not inform themselves of what their churches are doing all abroad in the earth in their own lands, in freign missions, in multiform benevolences. Therefore, we urge upon the pastors of the Conference the importance of diligent and earnest effort to so extend the circulation of our church papers that no home shall long be deprived of the weekly visits of one of our "Advocates." In view of the fact that the Methodist Advocate-Journal has heretofore received our endorsement as our Conference organ and meets our wants in this respect as no other paper now published can do. Therefore

Resolved, That we will give the Methodist Advocate-Journal our hearty support as our Conference organ and will labor earnestly to greatly extend its circulation in our Conference.

W. C. MATNEY,
M. G. LEDFORD,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have Examined the Receipts of all the Presiding Elders and find them to be correct.

J. L. DENNIS, Chm.
J. H. PATTERSON,
J. H. ROMINGER,
Committee.

Inasmuch as the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society has assisted a great many poor students in obtaining an education, that otherwise would have been deprived of this great blessing,

Resolved, That we urge all the pastors to lay this great matter before the people and not fail to take collections for this worthy cause.

J. L. DENNIS,
C. C. MORRIS,
L. C. NASH.
J. B. TUCKER.

TRACT CAUSE.

Of the $50,000 asked of the church by the Tract Society, $25 is the apportioned share of the Blue Ridge Conference. Of this amount only $7

has been raised this year. One-half the amount contributed for this society by each church upon the request of the pastor will be returned to the contributing society in tract literature, covering a vast field of spiritual teaching. Therefore we recommend,

First, That more attention be given to this interest of the church.

Second, That every church take regular collection.

D. M. Graybeal, Ch'm'n.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Inasmuch as it is of vital importance to the interests of Christianity that the Scriptures be distributed among the people and that the poor have the bread of life, therefore,

Resolved, That we urge the pastors to take collections for the American Bible Society. J. H. Gillespie.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE RECORDS.

We, the committee on District Conference Records, have examined the records of the several districts, and find them to be correct.

Respectfully,

W. C. Matney,
M. G. Ledford,
A. L. Johnson.

Resolved, That we, the members of this committee, return our thanks to Bishop E. G. Andrews for his impartial rulings and able administration.

M. G. Ledford.

Resolved, That we, the members of this conference, extend our thanks to Rev. A. Graybeal for his faithful labors as secretary.

M. G. Ledford.

Report of Conference Stewards.

CASH ON HAND.

From Conference Collections	$23 00
" Chartered Fund	22 00
" Book Concern dividends	304 00
" The Christian-Clark bequest	10
Total	$359.00

PAID OUT.

Mrs. A. H. Peeples	$50 00
L. J. Penley	40 00
Mrs. T. W. Matney	65 00
D. N. Franklin	40 00
Bessie Franklin	20 00
Witt's Children	30 00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	25 00

W. G. Matton	44 00
C. W. Smith	40 00
Total	$354 00
Balance on hand	$5 00

A. Graybeal, Chairman.
W. J. Evans.
J. L. Dennis,
T. C. Croker,
J. B. Tucker.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Asheville District	$195 00
Asheville and Columbus	100 00
Bakersville	45 00
Boone	45 00
Burnsville	40 00
Creston	40 00
Montezuma	55 00
Marion	40 00
Toe River	21 00
Total	$581 00
Clyde District	$195 00
Culberson	50 00
Dellwood	70 00
Dillsboro	20 00
Elf	40 00
Highlands	60 00
Irvin	41 00
Pisgah	25 00
Unaka	50 00
Wilmot	60 00
Total	$611 00
Gladstone District	200 00
Daisy	20 00
Gladstone	40 00
Graham	70 00
Greensboro	70 00
Huntersville	40 00
Lexington	95 00
New Salem	32 00
Troy	95 00
Total	662 00
Statesville District	195 00
Blue Ridge	20 00

Caldwell	40 00
Gastonia and Clifton	70 00
Golden and Shelby	70 00
Statesville	70 00
Trap Hill	40 00
Wilkesboro	40 00
Yadkin and Pilot	22 00
Zion	22 00
Harmony	22 00
Total	$611 00

J. F. MATNEY, President.
J. S. BURNETT, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations. E. G. ANDREWS.

This is to certify that at Walkertown, N. C., on Oct. 17, 1897, I ordained to the office of Deacon in the Church of God: M. G. LEDFORD,
A. S. BEAMAN,
W. S. MOORE,
C. M. WARDEN,
T. B. GARLAND,
E. G. ANDREWS.

STATISTICS NO. 1—GRAND DISTRICT TOTALS—BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Names of Charges.	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday-Schools			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Number of Probationers.	Number of Full Members.	Number of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized.	Number of Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Churches	Probable Value	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value	Ed. for building & improving Churches and Parsonages.	Ed on old debt on Church Property	Present indebtedness on Church Prop'ty
Asheville District	148	1867	17	16	64	102	54	183	1705	31	$20800	4	$ 1050	$ 125		$ 200
Clyde "	209	1512	12	15	10	10	24	135	1153	39	17200	8	2750	575	$ [illegible]	[illegible]
Gladstone "	218	1264	11	16	20	106	22	162	1476	36	16770	2	700	885		430
Statesville "	246	1851	11	12	25	154	34	205	2013	42	14110	4	900	620	15	280
Grand Total	821	6694	55	57	119	433	118	692	6357	147	69650	18	5400	2905	99	1625
Comparison.																
Last Year	944	6917	60	74	108	331	133	737	6737	140	70750	17	4260	3082	225	813
This "	821	6694	55	57	119	433	118	692	6357	147	69650	18	5400	2905	99	1625
Decrease	93	223	5	17			15	45	380		$ 1120		$ 140	$ 177	$ 126	
Increase					39	102				7		1				$752

The Statistical Secretary failed to furnish any of Statistics No. 1, except what appears on this page, hence the deficiency. SECRETARY.

Statistics No. 3, Blue Ridge Conference for 1897.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary	Claims. House Rent	Claims. Total	Receipts. Salary	Receipts. House Rent	Receipts. Total	Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid	Conf. Claimants Rec'd From Collections	Endowments	Other Sources	Total	Current Expenses. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-schools: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT:																		
Asheville	Edwin Anderson	$ 500		500	$ 150		$ 150	$ 350	$ 20	$ 15	$ 1	$ 1					$ 50	$ 5
Asheville Circuit	W C Franklin	140	$ 50	190	100	$ 50	150	40	25	19			$ 1			$ 1	10	15
Boone	E S Robinson	150		150	41		41	109	20	6	1							
Burnsville "	W R West	75	12	87	25	6	31	56	16	8	1							
Bakersville "	F A L Clark	200	18	218	141	18	159	59	25	11	1						5	12
Creston "	D M Graybeal	150		150	64		64	86	20	18								
Columbus "	G. H Defwiler	32		32	32		32		16	16			1			1		
Jefferson "	J H Rominger	188	30	218	300	30	330		40	35								
Marion "	M G Ledford	150	12	162	125	12	137	25	30	19	1		1			1		
Montezuma "	G W Smith	300		300	38		38	262	25	11								
	Total	1885	122	2007	1016	116	1132	987	237	158	5	1	3			3	65	32
CLYDE DISTRICT:																		
Boyleston Circuit	W A Ballew	315	30	345	87	30	117	198	20	20			1			1		
Clyde "	W C Matney	300	50	350	300	50	350		35	30	1	1	4			4	65	35
Culberson "	L A Rominger	130	24	154	116	24	140	14	20	20			1			1	1	
Dellwood "	J B Tucker	175	21	196	88	21	109	64	22	16	1	1	1			1		
Elf "	D M Matheson	100		100	50		50	50	20	10								
Highlands "	G W Matney	150	24	174	75	24	99	75	25	15							5	
Leicester "	C F Castevens	285	25	310	192	25	217	93	25	26							4	16
Pisgah "	J L Dennis	200		200	190		190	10	20	20	2	2	2			2	20	20
Unaka "	M A West	180		180	145		145	35	20	20	1							
Wilmot "	M M Ratchford	125		125	50		50	75	20	14								
Franklin "	A Traylor																	
	Total	$2060	$174	$2234	$1293	$ 174	$1367	$ 614	$ 227	$ 211	$ 5	$ 4	$ 9			$ 5	$ 95	$ 71

Statistics No. 3. Blue Ridge Conference for 1897—Continued.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary	Claims. House Rent	Claims. Total	Receipts. Salary	Receipts. House Rent	Receipts. Total	Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid	Conf. Claimants Rec'd From Collections	Endowments	Other Sources	Total	Current Expenses. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-schools: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
GLADSTONE DISTRICT																		
Chandlers and Troy Circuit	L C Nash	200	$ 12	$ 212	$ 200	$ 12	$ 212		$ 35	$ 17	$ 1	$ 1	$ 1			$ 1	8	$ 7
Daisy Circuit	D S George	200		200	180		180	$ 20	20	22	1	1	2			2	85	40
Eagle Springs "	W Evans	80	18	98	62	19	81	18	20	9	1							3
Gladstone "	J H Gillespie	150		150	100		100	50	25	15	1	1	1			1	5	6
Gray's Chapel "	J H Hopkins	125		125	39		39	86	10	3								6
Greensboro "	N M Cooper						36			4							6	
Huntersville "	J N S Doub	140		140	95		95	45	20	10							5	12
Jamestown Mission	F M Kieth				7		7			1								
Pilot Mountain Circuit	C F Hunter	75		75	195		195		20	23							5	1
Staley Mission	W B Richardson	22		22				22										
Silver Hill	J H Fine	40		40	40		40		9	9								
	Total	1032	31	1063	911	31	973	263	159	115	4	3	4			4	114	76
STATESVILLE DISTRICT																		
Catawba Circuit	John P Brantley	90		90	75		75	15	12									
Golden and Shelby Mission	A L Johnson	90		90	95		95			30		1	1			1		20
Gastonia Circuit	T C Croker	222	36	258	145	36	181	76	25	25			2			2		15
Harmony "	James M Heath	195	12	207			207		25	25			2			2		
Roaring Gap "	J C Richardson	80		80	28		28	52										
Statesville Mission	D S Richardson				10		10											
Trap Hill Circuit	J H Patterson	102	15	117	51	15	66	51	20			1	1			1		5
Wilkesboro "	E J Winkler	160		160	60		60	100	10	1								
Yadkinville	C M Warden	100	12	112	85	12	97	15	20	9			1			1	5	10
Zion	D A Lanier	150		150	90		90	60	20	12	1	1						
	Total	1189	75	1264	641	65	906	369	141	102	1	3	7			7	5	50
Statesville District		1189	75	1264	641	63	906	369	141	102	1	3	7			7	5	50
Clyde "		2060	174	2134	1295	174	1367	614	227	211	5	4	9			9	95	71
Gladstone "		1032	31	1063	911	31	973	263	159	113	4	3	4			4	114	76
Asheville "		1885	122	2007	1016	116	1132	987	237	158	5	1	3			3	65	32
	Grand Total	$ 6160	$ 402	$ 6468	$ 3861	$ 384	$ 4385	$ 2283	$ 764	$ 584	$ 15	$ 11	$ 23			$ 23	$ 279	$ 229

Statistics No. 4, Blue Ridge Conference for 1897.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAME OF CHARGES.	Missions. (a) Church	Missions. (b) Sunday School.	Missions. Total	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society.	Education. (a) Children's Fund.	Education. (b) Other Education'l Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Miss'ry Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT:																	
Asheville	6		6	2			1									1	10
Asheville Circuit	4		4	2			2										10
Boone	6		6														6
Burnsville				1													5
Bakersville				1													5
Creston	10		16	4	1	1	1	3							1		23
Columbus	1		1												2		3
Jefferson	5		5	4	1		2								1	2	15
Marion	4		4	4	1		2										14
Montezuma	11		11					3									
Total	56		56	18	3	1	14	7			1	4			5	3	106
CLYDE DISTRICT:																	
Boyleston Circuit	7		7	1			1										9
Clyde	28		28	3	1	1	4	2							1	1	50
Cullowhee	10		10	6			1					1					18
Dellwood	2		2	1								1					5
Elf															1		
Highlands	5		5	2			1				1	1					10
Leicester	10		10	1			1										12
Pisgah	5	5	10	1	1	1	1	1				1			2	2	25
Tuckasegee	5		5	1	1		1										9
Wilmot	2		2				1										3
Total	74	5	79	25	3	2	5	3			1	4			4	4	141
GLADSTONE DISTRICT																	
Chandlers & Troy Circuit	7	13	15	2	1			3							1	1	23
Daisy Circuit	12	5	17	6	1	1	1								1	1	31
Eagle Springs "	5		5	1											2		7
Gladstone "	10		10	5	1	1	1	1			1	1			1		24
Greensboro "	1		1	1													2
Gray's Chapel "	2		2	1													3
Huntersville "	17		17														17
Jamestown Mission				1													1
Pilot Mountain Circuit	10		10	2	1	1										1	15
Stuley Mission	1		1	1													2
Silver Hill																	
Total	56	22	78	20	4	3	4	5			1	1			4	4	125

Statistics No. 4, Blue Ridge Conference for 1897--Continued.

NAME OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
	Missions.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society.	Education.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Miss'ry Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					Children's Fund.	(b) Other Education'l Objects.								
STATESVILLE DISTRICT:																	
Catawba Circuit	3		3														
Golden and Shelby Miss.		6	6	4	2	1	1	1				1			1	1	
Gastonia Circuit	8		8			1						1					
Harmony "	8		8		1		1										
Roaring Gap "	3		3									1					
Statesville Mission																	
Trap Hill Circuit	4		4												1	1	
Wilkesboro "	6		6														
Yadkinville "	6		6		1		3		1			1			1		
Zion Circuit	5		5	1				2									
Total	43	6	49	15	4	2	5	3	1			4			7	2	
Statesville District			56	18	3	1	14	7				4			5	2	
Clyde "			79	29	3	2	9	3			1	4			7	4	
Gladstone "			78	20	4	3	4	5		1	1	1			4	4	
Asheville "			49	15	4	2	5	3	1			4			4	2	
Grand Total			262	82	14	8	32	18	1	1	2	9			23	12	
Comparison:																	
Last Year			252	97	18	11	32	35		2	3	13			31	17	
This "			262	82	14	8	32	18	1	1	2	9			23	12	
Decrease				$ 15	$ 4	$ 3		$ 17		$ 1	$ 1	$ 4			$ 8	$ 5	$ 47
Increase			$ 10						$ 1								

Statistics No. 4, Blue Ridge Conference for 1897.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAME OF CHARGES.	Missions. (a) Church	Missions. (b) Sunday School	Missions. Total	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society.	Education. (a) Children's Fund.	Education. (b) Other Education'l Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Miss'ry Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT:																	
Asheville	6		6	2			1									1	10
Asheville Circuit	4		4	2			2										10
Boone	6		6														6
Burnsville				1			1	1									5
Rakersville				1			1										5
Creston	16		16	4			1										23
Columbus	1		1			1									1		3
Jefferson	5		5	4	1		2								2		15
Marion	7		7	4	1		2								1		15
Montezuma	11		11					3									14
Total	56		56	18	3	1	14	4			1	4			5	3	166
CLYDE DISTRICT:																	
Boyleston Circuit	1		1	1													9
Clyde	28		28	9	1	1	4	2							1	1	50
Culberson	10		10	6			1					1			4		18
Dellwood	2		2	1								1					5
Elf																1	
Highlands	5		5	2			1				1	1					10
Leicester	10		10	1			1										12
Pisgah	5	5	10	6	1	1	1	1				1			2	2	25
Tuskaleeta	5		5		1												9
Wilmot	2		2		1		1										3
Total	74	5	79	25	4	2	5	3			1	4			7	4	141
GLADSTONE DISTRICT																	
Chandlers & Troy Circuit	22	13	35	2	1			3							1		23
Daisy Circuit	17	2	19	6	1	1									1	1	31
Eagle Springs "	5		5	1				1							2		7
Gladstone "	10		10	5	1	1	1	1		1		1			1		24
Greensboro "	1		1	1													2
Gray's Chapel "	2		2	1													3
Huntersville "	17		17														17
Jamestown Mission				1													1
Pilot Mountain Circuit	10		10	2	1	1									1		15
Staley Mission	1		1	1													2
Silver Hill																	
Total	56	22	78	20	4	3	4	5		1	1	5			4	4	125

Statistics No. 4, Blue Ridge Conference for 1897--Continued.

NAME OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
	Missions.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society.	Education.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					(a) Children's Fund.	(b) Other Education'l Objects.								
STATESVILLE DISTRICT:																	
Catawba Circuit	3		3														3
Golden and Shelby Miss.		6	6	4	2	1	1	1				1			1	1	18
Gastonia Circuit	8		8	2		1						1			2		14
Harmony "	8		8	2	1		1								2		14
Roaring Gap "	3		3	1								1					5
Statesville Mission																	
Trap Hill Circuit	4		4	2											1	1	8
Wilkesboro "	6		6	1													7
Yadkinville "	6		6	2	1		3		1			1			1		15
Zion Circuit	5		5	1				2									8
Total	45	6	49	15	4	2	5	3	1			4			7	2	92
Statesville District			56	18	3	1	14	7							5	2	106
Clyde "			79	29	3	2	9	3			1	4			7	4	141
Gladstone "			78	20	4	3	4	5		1	1	1			4	4	125
Asheville "			49	15	4	2	5	3	1			4			7	2	92
Grand Total			262	82	14	8	32	18	1	1	2	9			23	12	464
Comparison:																	
Last Year			252	97	18	11	32	35		2	3	13			31	17	511
This "			262	82	14	8	32	18	1	1	2	9			23	12	464
Decrease				$ 15	$ 4	$ 3		$ 17		$ 1	$ 1	$ 4			$ 8	$ 5	$ 47
Increase			$ 10						$ 1								

Treasurer's Report, Blue Ridge Conference for 1897.

DISTRICTS:	Missionary Society.		Church Extension.		unday-school Union.		Tract Society.		Freedmen's Aid and Southern Edution Society.		Education. (a) Public Education'l Collections.		Education. (b) Children's Fund.		American Bible Society.		Woman's Home Missionary Society.		[Women's Foreign Missionary Society.		General Conference Expenses.		Conference Claimants.		Episcopal Fund		Recapitulation.		
	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Vouche.	Cash	Vaucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucner	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Total Cash	Total Vouchers	Total Cash and Voucher
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Statesville	2 00	47 00	15		3		2		5			1	3				4		1				7		2		89 00	3 00	92
Grand Total	$10 25	221 75	$82		$13		$8		$31	1	$1		$13	$3	$1		$5	$0	$2				$23	$12			$418 75	$45 25	$464

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SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Southern Central Conference.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1879 Jan	Greensboro	Bishop Peck	E. O. Thayer

Changed to

Blue Ridge Conference.

1880 Jan 28 Feb 1	Concord	Bishop Simpson	W. G. Matton
1881 " 20-24	Leicester	" Warren	"
1882 " 19-23	Asheville	" Foster	"
1883 " 24-29	Gastonia	" Merrill	"
1884 " 30-Feb 4	Asheville	" Bowman	J. D. Robertson
1885 Oct 1-5	Gastonia	" Mallalieu	W. T. Ford
1886 " 7-11	Smith's Chapel	" Walden	"
1887 " 19-23	Asheville	" Mallalieu	W, Q. A.Graham
1888 " 18-22	Clyde	" Fitzgerald	"
1889 " 17-21	Asheville	" Joyce	J. D. Robertson
1890 " 16-20	Clyde	" "	"
1891 " 21-25	Asheville	" Warren	A. Graybeal
1892 " 13-16	Poindexter	" Foss	A. H. Gamble
1893 " 12-16	Daisy	" Hurst	W.Q. A. Graham
1894 Sept 27 Oct 1	Smith's Chapel	" Foster	"
1895 Oct 9-14	Clyde	" Mallalieu	A. Graybeal
1896 Sept 24-27	Asheville	" "	"
1897 Oct 14-17	Walkertown	" Andrews	A. Graybeal
1898 " 20-24	Marion	" Goodsell	A. Graybeal

Conference Roll—1898.

NAME.	ORDER.	POST OFFICE WHEN ADMITTED.	
Anderson E	Elder	Seward, N. C	1893
Ballew, W. A	"	Culberson, N. C	1885
Burnett, J. S	"	Gladstone, N. C	1888
Casstevens, C. F	"	Old Fort, N. C	1890
Clark, F. A. L	"	Gastonia, N C	1884
Cooper, N. M	"	Lexington, N. C	1884
Dennis, J. L	"	Gastonia, N. C	1891
George, D. S	"	Buck Shoals, N. C	1892
Evans, W. J	"	Sylvia, N. C	1888
Gillespie, J. H	"	Greensboro, N. C	1885
Graybeal, A	"	Montezuma, N. C	1882
Graybeal, D. M	Deacon	Graybeal's, N. C	1896
Heath, J. M	"	Montezuma, N. C	1892
Hopkins, J. H	"	Dellwood, N. C	1892
Johnson, A. J	Elder	Buck Shoals, N. C	1885
Lanier, D. A	"	Irvin, N. C	1890
Beaman, A. S	Deacon	Columbus, N. C	1895
Ledford, M. G	"	Riceville, N. C	1895
Matney, J. F	Elder	Clyde, N. C	1888
Matney W. C	"	Clyde, N. C	1889
Matney, G. W	Deacon	Highlands, N. C	1893
Moore, W. S	"	Troy, N. C	1897
Nash, L. C	"	Leicester, N. C	1893
Matherson, D. M	Elder	Unaka, N. C	1888
Patterson, J. H	"	Mt. Bethel, N. C	1887
Rhyne, J. J	Deacon	Eupeptic Springs, N. C	1887
Tucker, J. B	Deacon	Acton, N. C	1895
Traylor, A	"	Aquon, N. C	18—
West, W. R	"	Athlone, N. C	1890
Warden, C. M	"	Martin, N. C	1895

All admitted on trial.

PROBATIONERS.

Corbitt, L W	Licentiate	Valle Crucis, N. C	1896
Doub, J. N. S	"	New Salem, N. C	1894
Halton, W. C	"	Gladstone, N. C	1898
Harris, W. K	"	Chattanooga, Tenn	1898
Johnson, A. L	"	Gamble's Store, N. C	1896
Richardson, J. C	"	Trap Hill, N. C	1896
Patton, W. A	"	Ashley, N. C	1898
Rowe, T. D	"	Little Rock Creek, N. C	1898
West, M. A	"	Highlands, N. C	1890

SUPERNUMERARY.

Beaman, W. B	Deacon	Troy, N. C	1892
Broyles, M. W	Elder	Alto, N. C	1881
Cannon, J. R	"	Washington, D. C	1882
Nelson, E. J	Deacon		1889
Rawlings, W	Elder	Cherry Ridge, Penn	1889
Rhyne, J. J	Deacon	Eupeptic Springs, N. C	1887
Reynolds, E. H	Elder	Parrottsville, Tenn	1889
Verner, H	Deacon	Settle, N. C	1888
Earnhardt, S. A	Elder		
Richardson, D. S	Deacon	Settle, N. C	1888
Winkler, E. J	Elder	Wilkesboro, N. C	1888
Christenbery, H. D	"		1884
Rominger, L. A	Deacon		1886
Roberson, E. S	"	Fig, N. C	1893

SUPERANNUATE.

Matton, W. G	Elder	High Point, N. C	1880
Franklin, D. N	"		1885
Penley, L. J	"	Asheville, N. C	1888
Smith, C. W	"	Montezuma, N. C	1885

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

1898.

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT—Bishop D. A. Goodsell, Chattanooga, Tenn.
SECRETARY—A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY—A. L. Johnson.
STATISTICAL SECRETARY—D. S. George.
TREASURER—W. C. Matney.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS:

A. Graybeal, President; W. C. Matney, Registrar; J. S. Burnett, D. S. George, E. Anderson, J. L. Dennis, C. W. Smith, J. H. Gillespie, E. J. Winkler, J. H. Patterson, W. C. Halton, A. J. Johnson.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

W. J. Evans, E. J. Winkler, Edwin Anderson, W. C. Matney, F. A. L. Clark, N. M. Cooper, D. A. Lanier.

To preach the annual Missionary Sermon, D. S. George. Alternate, W. C. Matney.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President, D. S. George, Buck Shoals, N. C.; Vice-President, J. A. White; Secretary, Edwin Anderson, Seward, N. C.; Treasurer, Edwin Tharpe. Additional members, M. G. Ledford, J. M. Long, W. S. Moore, E. L. McHary and the Presiding Elders ex Officio.

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President, A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.; Treasurer, C. B. Moore, Asheville, N. C.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Held in Marion, N. C., Oct. 20-24, 1898.

Bishop D. A. Goodsell, Presiding.
A. Graybeal, Secretary.
Post Office of Secretary, Montezuma, N. C.

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1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? None.

2. Who have been Readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) *In Studies of First Year:* T. D. Rowe, W. K. Harris, W. A. Patton, each being required to bring up the Studies in which they were deficient.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) *In Studies of First Year:* J. C. Richardson. (b) *In Studies of Second Year:* C. C. Morris, L. W. Corbitt, A. L. Johnson, J. N. S. Doub, Wm. C. Halton. (d) *In Studies of Fourth Year:* M. G. Ledford.

6. Who have been Discontinued? W. B. Richardson.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership? D. M. Graybeal.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? (a) *Admitted into Full Membership this Year:* D. M. Graybeal. (b) *Admitted into Full Memberdhip Previously:* C. M. Warden, W. S. Moore, A. S. Beaman, A. Traylor, G. W. Matney, H. Verner, J. B. Tucker, J. H. Hopkins, M. A. West.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? L. C. Nash, J. J. Rhyne, W. R. West, D. S. Richardson, E. S. Robinson, J. M. Heath, W. B. Beaman.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? None.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) *As Local Preachers:* C. C. Morris, W. C. Halton, W. T. Owen, M. A. Dry.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was attended to in open Conference. The case of E. G. Nelson was referred to the Presiding Elder of Clyde District for investigation.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? None.

15. Who have Died? J. H. Rominger.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? J. P. York.

17. Who have been Located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? T. C. Croker, J. P. Brantley, M. M. Ratchford.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

20. Who have been Expelled? None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? M. W. Broyles, J. R. Cannon, L. A. Rominger, W. B. Beaman, H. Verner, E. S. Robinson, D. S. Richardson, S. A. Earnhart, E. J. Winkler, H. D. Christenberry, Wm. Rawlings, E. G. Nelson, E. H. Reynolds, L. A. Rominger.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? W. G. Matton, L. J. Penley, D. N. Franklin, C. W. Smith.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. J. Evans, E. J. Winkler, W. C. Matney, E. Anderson, F. A. L. Clark, N. M. Cooper.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $406.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? $313.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been applied? See Report of Conference Stewards.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See List of Appointments.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held? Seward.

OUR DEAD.

NAME	DIED	ADMITTED	
F. M. Fanning,	1881	1880	From Holston
J. N. Barker,	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference
R. M. Witt,	1890	1880	From Holston
D. M. Clayton	1891	1880	From Holston
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial
A. F. English	1896		
A. H. Peeples	1897	1885	On trial
J. H. Rominger	1898	1892	On trial

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

—MRS. MAKAY.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

A. Graybeal, P. E., Montezuma, N. C.

Asheville.....*M. G. Ledford
Bakersville.....*T. D. Rowe
Boone.....*L. W. Corbitt
Burnsville.....*W. R. West
Columbus.....*A. S. Beaman
Creston.....*W. A. Patton
Jefferson.....*D. M. Graybeal
Marion.....C. F. Casstevens
Montezuma.....*J. M. Heath

W. K. Harris left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

J. F. Matney, P. E., Clyde, N. C.

Clyde.....W. C. Matney
Culberson.....W. A. Ballew
Dellwood.....*J. H. Hopkins
Elf.....*A. Traylor
Highlands.....*G. W. Matney
Highlands Circuit.....*M. A. West
Irvin.....D. A. Lanier
Leicester.....*L. C. Nash
Pisgah.....*J. B. Tucker
Sylva.....W. J. Evans.
Unaka.....D. M. Matherson

GLADSTONE DISTRICT.

J. S. Burnett, P. E., Gladstone. N. C.

Chandler.....Sup. by W. T. Owen
Gladstone.....*W. C. Halton
Daisy.....Edwin Anderson
Greensboro.....J. H. Gillespie
Huntersville.....J. L. Dennis
Lexington.....N. M. Cooper
New Salem.....*J. N. S. Doub
Troy.....*W. S. Moore

C. C. Morris left without appointment to attend school.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

A. J. Johnson. P. E., Buck Shoals, N. C.

Blue Ridge.....Sup. by Jas. Bumgarner
Caldwell.....J. H. Patterson
Golden and Shelby.....*A. L. Johnson

Harmony.....D. S. George
Kings Mountain and Clifton.....F. A. L. Clark
Traphill.....J. C. Richardson
Wilkesboro.....*J. J. Rhyne
Yadkin and Pilot.....To be supplied
Zion.....C. M. Warden

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

OPENING.—The Blue Ridge Conference convened for its twentieth session in Strond's Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, Marion, N. C., at 9 A. M., October 20th, 1898, Bishop D. A. Goodsell presiding.

SACRAMENTAL SERVICES.—After reading Scripture lessons and singing a hymn, the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ROLL CALL.—A. Graybeal, Secretary of last Conference, called the roll, and the following were present, viz: E. Anderson, W. A. Ballew, J. S. Burnett, C. F. Casstevens, F. A. L. Clark, N. M. Cooper, J. L. Dennis, D. S. George, W. J. Evans, A. Graybeal, T. M. Heath, A. J. Johnson, D. A. Lanier, A. S. Beaman, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, W. S. Moore, M. G. Ledford, J. H. Patterson, M. M. Ratchford, J. B. Tucker, W. R. West, C. M. Warden, C. C. Morris, J. N. S. Doub, L. W. Corbitt, D. M. Graybeal, A. L. Johnson, J. C. Richardson, E. H. Reynolds, J. J. Rhyne, E. S. Robinson, C. W. Smith.

ELECTION OF SECRETARIES.—On motion of J. L. Dennis, A. Graybeal was elected Secretary by acclamation, with privilege of nominating his assistant. On motion of the Secretary, A. L. Johnson was elected Assistant Secretary.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.—On motion, D. S. George was elected Statistical Secretary.

TREASURER.—W. C. Matney was elected Conference Treasurer.

TIME OF MEETING AND ADJOURNING.—On motion of M. G. Ledford, the time of meeting was fixed at 9 A. M., and for closing at 11:30 A. M.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—The Presiding Elders made the following nominations for Standing Committees, and on motion they were adopted, viz:

1. PUBLIC WORSHIP.—A. Graybeal, M. G. Ledford.
2. CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—Presiding Elders.
3. CHURCH EXTENSION.—Edwin Anderson, C. F. Casstevens, C. M. Warden.
4. EDUCATION.—A. S. Beaman, A. L. Johnson and J. H. Patterson.
5. MISSIONS.—Presiding Elders.
6. F. A. AND S. E. SOCIETY.—J. S. Burnett, W. C. Matney and W. R. West.
7. TRACTS.—L. C. Nash, D. A. Lanier, J. C. Richardson.
8. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—A. J. Johnson, J. M. Heath, J. B. Tucker.
9. SABBATH.—J. L. Dennis, D. S. Richardson, E. J. Winkler, E. S. Robinson.
10. STATE OF THE CHURCH.—J. F. Matney, D. S. George, C. C. Morris.
11. AUDITING COMMITTEE.—E. Anderson, J. M. Heath, C. F. Casstevens. J. N. S. Doub.
12. PERIODICALS.—W. C. Matney, D. M. Graybeal, H. D. Christenberry.
13. TEMPERANCE.—A. S. Beaman, M. G. Ledford, F. A. L. Clark, C. W. Smith.
14. CONFERENCE STEWARDS.—W. J. Evans, D. A. Lanier, J. M. Heath, W. A. Ballew.
15. BIBLE CAUSE.—L. W. Corbitt, G. W. Matney, N. M. Cooper.
16. MEMOIRS.—T. H. Gillespie, W. C. Matney, Edwin Anderson.
17. DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.—J. H. Hopkins, S. A. Earnhardt, W. S. Moore, A. Traylor.
18. EPWORTH LEAGUE.—A. S. Beaman, J. L. Dennis, J. C. Richardson.
19. GOSPEL IN ALL LANDS AND BOOK CONCERN ACTS.—W. J. Evans.

PAPERS REFERRED.—Papers and letters were referred to the proper committees.

DRAFTS.—Drafts on the Book Concerns for $260 and Chartered fund for $22 were ordered, and the same made payable to the Conference Treasurer.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Rev. Mr. Sherrill, of the M. E. Church South, was introduced to the Conference.

DRS. HARD AND RACE.—Dr. Race, Chancellor of Grant University, was introduced and made a stirring address on the work committed to his care. Also Dr. Hard, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, addressed the Conference on the subject of Church Extension, after which he took subscriptions and a collection for Gospel in all Lands.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION.—On motion of A. Graybeal, 10 o'clock tomorrow was fixed as the time to vote on Equal Representation.

STATISTICAL SESSION.—On motion of A. Graybeal a Statistical Session was ordered for 2 P. M.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Hard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2 P. M., C. W. Smith in the chair. List of charges was called for Statistical reports. Nearly all of the reports were passed to the Secretaries and Treasurer.

Dr. Hard made a few pungent remarks on pastoral support.

On motion J. S. Burnett was appointed to inquire after the Missionary collection for 1896, as our official papers fail to give us credit for the collection for that year.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Hard.

SECOND DAY.

DEVOTIONS.—Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises were led by J. F. Matney.

ABSENTEES.—Roll of Absentees was called.

MINUTES.—Minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

13TH QUESTION.—"Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. A. Graybeal was called, his character passed, and he reported the work of the Asheville district.

On motion of A. Graybeal, the pastors were asked to report all the benevolent collections in full.

The following traveling elders were called, their character passed and they reported their collections: D. A. Lanier and E. Anderson.

CLYDE DISTRICT.—J. F. Matney was called, his character passed and he reported the work of the Clyde District. W. C. Matney, W. A. Ballew, C. F. Casstevens, J. L. Dennis and W. J. Evans were called, their character passed and they reported their benevolent collections.

GLADSTONE DISTRICT.—J. S. Burnett was called, his character passed and he reported the work of the Gladstone District. D. S. George and N. M. Cooper were called, their character passed and they reported their benevolent collections.

A. Graybeal offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That, in making our report, we should refrain from making unkind references to other denominations.

The time having arrived to vote on Equal Representation, on motion of E. Anderson, the vote was postponed until 11 tomorrow.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.—A. J. Johnson was called, his character passed and he reported the work of the Statesville District. F. A. L. Clark. J. H. Patterson and E. J. Winkler were called, their character passed and they reported their benevolent collections either in person or through the Presiding Elder.

30TH QUESTION.—"Where shall the next Conference be held? was taken up. Seward was chosen.

TRIARS OF APPEALS.—On motion of D. S. George, the Presiding Elders were asked to nominate the Triers of Appeals.

22ND QUESTION.—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. The following were referred to the com-

mittee on Conference Relations, viz: J. R. Cannon, E. H. Reynolds, Wm. Rawlings, D. M. Matherson, W. B. Beaman, H. Verner, J. J. Rhyne, E. S. Robinson. M. W. Broyles was continued in his present relation.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to notify L. A. Rominger that the Conference would proceed to locate him at next Conference. The following constitute the committee: E. Anderson, W. A. Ballew, N. M. Cooper, F. A. L. Clark and D. S. George. On motion of J. S. Burnett, J. P. York was located at his own request. The case of E. G. Nelson was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Clyde District for investigation during the year.

On motion of A. J. Johnson, T. C. Croaker and J. P. Brantley were entered as having withdrawn from the Conference upon condition that they surrender their parchments.

23RD QUESTION.—"Who are the Superannuates?" was taken up. W. G. Matton, L. J. Penley and D. N. Franklin were continued in their present relation. C. W. Smith was refered to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by E. S. Robinson.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Rev. Mr. Myers, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Drs. J. W. Hamilton, Secretary of the F. A. and S. E. Society, and H. C. Jennings, agent of the Western Book Concern, were introduced to the Conference and addressed the Conference in the interest of the work committed to their care.

W. J. Evans read a report of the Stewards. On motion of A. Graybeal the report was recommitted for the purpose of increasing the amount granted to Mrs. J. H. Rominger.

Resolution was offered by A. Graybeal concerning the church at Columbus. See resolution, which was adopted.

Following is the resolution: The undersigned desire to report the action of the Conference Board of Trustees of Central Industrial Institute with reference to the erection of a church in Columbus. At our meeting in May it became apparent that something definite must be done immediately or we lose our hold on the school and community. Mr. Stearnes, of Cleveland, O., has established a school in Columbus, and, being a Methodist, desires that this Conference shall have a claim on the school and a part in the work. In order to hold our place we made the following proposition:

That we would ask the Conference to recommend a donation of $400 from the Church Extension Society to aid in erecting a good church, if the people would erect the building at once, it being understood that the property be deeded to the M. E. Church for a church, but that it be used for the present for chapel purposes. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That we request the Conference Board of Church Extension to ask the Parent Board for a donation of $400 for the church in Columbus.

A. Graybeal.
A. S. Beaman.

M. M. Ratchford was called. On motion of his Presiding Elder it was ordered that he be entered as having withdrawn.

A. Traylor was continued in the 3rd year. T. H. Rominger was reported as having died during the year. W. B. Beaman was continued in the 4th year. H. Verner was continued in the studies of the 3rd year. T. H. Hopkins was continued in the studies of the 3rd year. L. C. Nash was continued in the studies of the 4th year. J. J. Rhyne was continued in the 4th year, as were also W. R. West, D. S. Richardson, E. S. Robinson and J. M. Heath, M. A. West continued in studies of 3rd year.

11th Question was taken up. C. C. Morris, W. C. Halton, W. T. Owen and M. A. Dry were elected to Deacon's orders as Local Preachers.

5th Question.—L. W. Corbitt, A. L. Johnson,, J. N. S.

Doub, W. C. Halton were continued on trial in the studies of the 2nd year. D. M. Graybeal passed in the studies of the 2nd year, was admitted to full membership in the Conference. C. C. Morris was advanced to the studies of the 2nd year. J. C. Richardson was continued in the studies of the 1st year, credit being given in the studies he had passed. W. B. Richardson was discontinued.

9TH QUESTION.—C. M. Warden was continued in the studies of the 3rd year. M. G. Ledford was advanced to the studies of the 4th year. W. S. Moore, A. S. Beaman were continued in the studies of the 3rd year. J. B. Tucker was continued in the studies of the 3rd year.

INTRODUCTION.—W. Q. A. Graham, D. D., Superintendent of the Atlantic Mission Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

A. Graybeal offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we adopt the plan we have had for three years for raising funds for the publication of the Minutes, that is that each Presiding Elder becomes responsible for the charges in his District, and be authorized to retain the amount required from each pastor from the 1st quarter's Missionary appropriation. The resolution was adopted.

The vote on Equal Lay and Ministerial Representation was taken, which resulted as follows, twenty-three for and three against.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

Conference met according to appointment at 2 p. m. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop.

4TH QUESTION was taken up. T. D. Rowe, W. A. Patton and W. K. Harris were, upon recommendation of the Asheville District, Conference, received on trial.

22ND QUESTION was resumed. J. R. Cannon was continued in his present relation, instructing the Secretary to notify him that he must pay his indebtedness to the Conference Relief Fund and Book Concern. L. A. Rominger, W. B. Bea-

man, H. Verner and E. S. Robinson were continued in their present relation. C. W. Smith was continued on the list of Superannuates. J. J. Rhyne was made effective.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.—The following were elected as Triers of appeals. W. J. Evans, E. J. Winkler, W. C. Matney, E. Anderson, F. A. L. Clark, N. M. Cooper.

STATISTICS.—Statistical Secretary made his report. See Statistical tables.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.—The following Committees reported: (1) F. A. and S. E. Society; (2) Conference Stewards; (3) Education; (4) State of the Church; (5) Temperance; (6) Church Extension; (7) Sabbath; (8) Tracts; (9) Sunday Schools; (10) Bible Cause; (11) District Conference Records. Report adopted.

On motion of J. S. Burnett the Conference ordered the Treasurer to turn over the amounts collected for Education to Prof. A. S. Beaman for the school at Columbus.

W. C. Matney read the Treasurers report. See the report which was adopted.

Edwin Anderson read a paper concerning Federation. On motion the paper was refered to a committee consisting of E. Anderson, M. G. Ledford, D. S. George and W. C. Matney to report at the next session of our Conference. On motion the Secretary was requested to correspond with all our Southern Conferences requesting them to send a memorial to the general Conference protesting against the action of the committee on Federation.

On motion, the matter of equitable division of our Conference Relief Funds, between this Conference and the Atlantic Mission Conference, was referred to a committee consisting of A. J. Johnson, J. S. Burnett and D. M. Graybeal to confer with a similar committee from the Atlantic Mission Conference.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. tomorrow.

SUNDAY—AFTERNOON.

Conference met according to adjournment at 3 p. m. for its

final session. W. C. Matney conducted the Memorial service.

W. C. Matney read the report of the committee on Memoirs. See report which was adopted.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

D. S. George was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, W. C. Matney alternate.

The present officers of the Conference Relief Fund are continued.

On motion of W. C. Matney the Treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund was requested to collect all outstanding notes during the year.

D. S. George was elected President of the Board of Church Extension, and E. Anderson Secretary.

A. J. Johnson read the report of the committee on Missions. See report which was adopted.

On motion of A. J. Johnson, Wm. Rawlings was continued in the Supernumerary relation, and requested to locate.

The Bishop related some very interesting incidents in his travel abroad.

Resolutions of thanks to the Bishop and citizens were offered. See resolutions which were adopted.

The Bishop led the Conference in an earnest prayer, after which he read the appointments.

On motion the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

D. A. Goodsell, President.

I certify that the above is the official Journal of the 20th session of Blue Ridge Conference.

A. Graybeal, Secretary.

Resolutions and Reports.

MEMOIRS.

Rev. John H. Rominger was born in Ashe county, N. C., about the year 1850, of a noble parentage. His father and mother were Methodists of deep piety and noble aspirations. His father before him was a Methodist preacher of great power and usefulness, so John had the advantage of early Christian training. He professed saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ early in life, and became a member of the M. E. Church and was ever an honor to the church. Bro. Rominger was licensed to preach the blessed gospel of the Master several years ago at Pointdexter, N. C., Oct. 13, 1892. Bro. Rominger was admitted on trial in the Blue Ridge Conference at Clyde, N. C. On Oct. 9, 1895, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Mallalieu. His first charge was Toe River Missions, where he had a fair degree of success. His Second appointment was Creston Circuit, on which he had two very successful years. His third appointment was to the Jefferson Circuit, where he labored for two years with great delight and good to the people, and with much profit to the church. His fourth and last appointment was to the Bakersville Circuit, where he did good service for nearly one year, and it was from this charge Bro. Rominger was called to join the Conference on high, and to associate again with our brethren who have preceeded him to the better land, Bro. Rominger was an earnest preacher, ever faithful to the trust committed him. He traveled some of the strongest Circuits in the Conference and he ever held the confidence and respect of the brethren though his Ministry as an itinerant hardly covered six years, yet it will take eternity to estimate its worth. Not less than 400 souls professed saving faith in Christ under his Ministry. May our lives be like his—lives of usefulness—and may our death be like his—the death of the righteous.

W. C. MATNEY,
E. ANDERSON.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Committee wishes to acknowledge its great debt to the work of the Board of Church Extension for the generous work that it has wrought in our Conference.

There have been aided 91 churches by this society within our bounds. To do this the Board of Church Extension has donated to us $10490.00 and loaned us $2950.00.

We have given to the Treasury of this society $1228.00.

The Board asks our Conference to contribute $200.00 and if that shall be given, $400.00 may be had if needed, to use in building churches within our Conference. If all that is asked should be raised, it would be asking but 2⅔ cents per member.

We ask the Presiding Elders to apportion $200.00 for the cause of Church Extension to our Charges, and we will do our best to raise the same.

Wherever we have loans from the Board of Church Extension, our people should be taught that they are honest obligations that we should and must meet these according to the letter of the conditions indicated by the loan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN ANDERSON, Chairman.
C. M. WARDEN, Secretary.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are thankful to Almighty God for the signal blessings He has bestowed upon our labors during the past. We are glad to know that many of our people are striving to give their children a Christian education, and train them for a better life; and that our entire field of labor is on an upgrade of spiritual growth and knowledge. We would recommend the second Sunday in December as a day of prayer for our work in the Blue Ridge Conference.

J. F. MATNEY, Chairman.
D. S. GEORGE.
C. C. MORRIS

TRACTS.

The Tract Society is doing a work that no other organization can do, and the Lord is blessing thousands every year through this great enterprise.

The Tract Society asks only $25 from the Blue Ridge Conference this year.

Resolved, First, That the Presiding Elders apportion this amount pro rata among the charges.

Resolved, Secondly, That the pastors double their efforts to secure this little amount, and that we ask for donations of tracts to be placed in the hands of our people.

D. A. LANIER, Committee.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

A generation ago, through the exigencies of war, the Methodist Episcopal Church, with other denominations, responded to a two-fold duty—caring for the black people, the wards of the nation. At the first, committees sent car loads of provisions and clothing to care for the negro as an animal. Soon, however, there was organized the Freedmen's Aid Society, the church recognizing that the colored man has a brain as well as a body, for it had been a states prison offense to educate a negro. But our Society began the work of founding schools for the black people, and today maintains twenty-two institutions of learning for the instruction of the negro at an annual outlay of $55,000.00.

This pioneer work is bearing good fruit, for the South herself has taken up the task of providing the public school for the black youths; so that out of 1,416,202 negro children in the public schools of the United States, 1,329,618 are in the public schools of the sixteen southern states. The colored people of the United States are assisting in maintaining these

schools for the black man pays taxes on $264,000,000.00 of property. Compare this with the facts of a generation ago. Take the negro and measure him by the three great hosts of human progress, wealth, education and religion and everyone joyfully admits that the colored man has made commendable progress. But there is a mighty negro problem yet, a problem that will save itself. Educate the black people and they will take care of themselves.

Another thing that the Methodist Episcopal Church had to attend to a generation ago, was to provide for her own sons and daughters left unchurched. On July 7, 1864, a meeting was held at Knoxville, Tenn., composed of ministers and laymen who asked for the organization in this southern country of the church of their choice. Accordingly Bishop Davis W. Clark in the presence of a large number of preachers and people at Athens, Tennessee., June 1, 1865, organized the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our denomination has grown in this southern country until now we form eight Conferences and one Mission. The strong ally of the church during these years of growth has been this society since 1888 has been known as the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. The denominational school from the academy to the college has been supported in whole or in part by this society. Twenty-five institutions of learning are maintained among the white people in the states distinctively known as southern states. These institutions, as growing institutions, have growing needs, and must have support additional to that given by the society. Hence your committee earnestly requests that in addition to meeting the apportionments for this and the other request, benevolence of the church, the members of this conference pay particular heed to the needs of our denominational schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Burnett.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Inasmuch as the spread of Christianity greatly depends upon the distribution of the Scriptures among the people, and especially that the poor may have the bread of life,

Resolved, That we urge the pastors to take collections for the American Bible Society.

L. W. Corbitt.

N. M. Cooper.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report:

Dear Brethren of the Blue Ridge Conference:—Inasmuch as the Sunday Schools is one among the leading, if not the leading department of the church, and as the future success of the church depends largely upon the Sunday School work; and, furthermore, as our Sunday School Union has so generously aided our work in many places with books and otherwise, and has only asked that the sum of $358 be raised by our Conference during the coming year, therefore be it

Resolved, First. That we depreciate the fact that collections were taken last year for this cause in only 13 of the 41 charges in our Conference; that the sum of 34 cents and 2 mills per charge is all that was raised last year.

Resolved, Second. That inasmuch as the amount ($358) asked for the coming year will be less than five cents per member, we heartily and earnestly insist that this cause be presented during the coming year on every charge and to every congregation on each charge.

Resolved, Third, That in our opinion if all the pastors will do this and will take a collection in all the congregations of their respective charges, not only will 5 cents per member, which means $13.12 8-41 per charge, or $358.35 from the Conference, but even more than this will be raised, and that we will by this act of duty, fulfill our obligation to the Sunday School Union and to our church, and will also inherit the blessings of the Great Father of Love.

A. J. JOHNSON, Ch'm'n Com.

TEMPERANCE.

The best definition we can give for Temperance is a moderate use of all that is good and to abstain from all that which is in its nature injurious to body and mind.

As regards the use of intoxicating drinks, total abstinence is the only safe rule of action. Both science and human experience agree with the holy scriptures in condemning all alcoholic beverages as being neither useful nor safe. The business of manufacturing and vending such liquors is also against the principles of morality, political economy and public welfare. We therefore regard all voluntary, total obstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcholic drink as the duty of civil government. Therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, use dilligence and earnestness disseminating true principles of Temperance.

All of which is respectfully submitted

A. S. BEAMAN.
M. G. LEDFORD.
F. A. L. CLARK.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Whereas the Sabbath is being desecrated by the human race,

Resolved, First, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, do all we can against it, and teach the people to remember the 4th commandment, to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Resolved, Second. That we preach at least one sermon on the subject of Sabbath observance.

J. L. DENNIS,
E. S. ROBINSON.
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee to which was refered the subject of Education, beg leave to submit the following report: We fully recognize the fact that our Conference and District schools should be more largely attended. There are possibly five thousand young people in attendance at our Sunday Schools, and of that number probably 200 are in the academies of the country, but less than half of these are under the care of our own instructors.

We have already established in the bounds of our work one central

conference and three district schools. The Central Industrial Institute, at Columbus, N. C., has now in use three good buildings, a splendid library and reading room, and a faculty consisting of five competent instructors. Splendid work is being done in some of our District schools. But inasmuch as so many of our people are not attending our institutions, therefore we urge upon our pastors the importance of diligent and earnest effort to secure both money and students. Therefore be it

Resolved, First, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference devote more attention to our Conference schools.

Resolved, Second, That it is our wish that these schools shall be feeders of the U. S. Grant University. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. Beaman.
A. L. Johnson.
J. H. Patterson.
Committee.

We, the members of the Board of Conference Stewards, request that this Conference order the moneys loaned to Bro. J. D. Roberson be collected and loaned on good real estate property, and that the interest on all money belonging to the Relief Fund be collected annually and paid over to the treasury of the relief fund.

W. J. Evans.
J. M. Heath.
D. A. Lanier.
W. A. Ballew.

Resolved that we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, return our thanks to Bishop Goodsell for his impartial rulings and able administration. We will be glad to welcome him to our Conference at any time.

J. S. Burnett.

Resolved, That we tender to the citizens our sincere thanks for hospitality.

J. S. Burnett.

Report of Conference Stewards.

CASH ON HAND.

From Conference Collections	$26 00
" Chartered Fund	22 00
" Book Concern divided	260 00
" Last Year	5 00
Total	$313.00

PAID OUT.

D. N. Franklin	$40 00
Bessey Franklin	12 00
Mrs. F. W. Matney	55 00
W. S. Matton	35 00
Mrs. J. H. Rominger	35 00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	20 00

Mrs. A. F. English	15 00
Mrs. A. H. Peeples	45 00
C. W. Smith	40 00
L. J. Penley	10 00
Total	$307 00
Balance on hand	$5 00

W. J. Evans, Chairman.
J. M. Heath.
D. A. Lanier.
W. A. Ballew.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Asheville District	$195 00
Asheville	55 00
Bakersville	45 00
Boone	55 00
Burnsville	50 00
Creston	50 00
Montezuma	60 00
Marion	50 00
Columbus	30 00
Total	$590 00
Clyde District	$195 00
Culberson	50 00
Dellwood	70 00
Highlands Circuit	60 00
Elf	40 00
Highlands	25 00
Irvin	41 00
Pisgah	20 00
Unaka	50 00
Sylva	60 00
Total	$611 00
Gladstone District	$200 00
Daisy	20 00
Gladstone	50 00
Greensboro	125 00
Huntersville	60 00
Lexington	80 00
New Salem	43 00
Troy	75 00
Total	$653 00

Statesville District	$195 00
Blue Ridge	25 00
Caldwell	40 00
King's Mountain and Clifton	70 00
Golden and Shelby	90 00
Trap Hill	46 00
Wilkesboro	40 00
Yadkin and Pilot	35 00
Zion	35 00
Harmony	35 00
Total	$611 00

A. GRAYBEAL, President.
J. S. BURNETT, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations. D. A. GOODSELL.

This is to certify that at Marion, N. C., on Oct. 24, 1998, I ordained to the office of Deacon in the church of God: D. M. Graybeal, C. C. Morris, W. C. Halton, W. T. Owen and M. A. Dry.

D. A. GOODSELL.

Statistics No. 1. Blue Ridge Conference. for 1898.

Names of Charges.	Church Membership.				Baptisms		Sunday-Schools.			Church Property.						
	Number of Probationers.	Number of Full Members.	Number of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property	Present indebtedness on Church Property
Asheville Circuit:																
Asheville and Columbus	8	110		2			3	15	160	3	$ 2800	1	$ 150			
Bakersville Circuit	20	298	1	3						4	4350	1	250			
Boone "	13	140		2	8	7	4	16	250	5	2000			$ 650		
Burnsville "	7	122		3	1	12	3	12	210	1	1000	1	200	500		
Creston "	54	285	3			17	4	23	235	6	1650			50		
Jefferson "	15	260	5	2		5	4	20	200	5	2500	1	300			
Marion "	24	224		1		13	2	20	140	3	1800			200		
Montezuma "	25	225	3		1	6	3			3	1500			100		
Toe River Mission		50		1		5										
Total	166	1714	12	13	10	65	23	106	1195	30	17600	4	900	1500		
Clyde District:																
Clyde Circuit	51	360	3	5	1	7	6	35	283	6	4500	1	300	100		
Culberson "	11	137	1	1	5	9	3	9	90	2	800	1	250	30		
Dellwood "	3	147	1	1						1	800	1	200			
Elf "	6	84	1	1	1		2	6	53	2	1000	1	300			
Highlands "	4	90	1	3	2		2	5	50	3	1200	1	50	50		$ 300
Irvin "	25	270	3	4	2	2	3	12	100	5	2000	1	500			
Leicester "	20	330		4	3	1	4	24	310	5	2500	1	200	800		85
Pisgah "	35	237	2	3	10	25	4	38	250	4	2000	1	50			
Unaka "	10	121	3		5	4	3	8	80	4	2000	1	200			
Wilmot "	26	66	2	3			1	5	45	2	1200					100
Total	191	1842	17	25	29	48	28	142	1261	34	18000	9	1850	980		485
Gladstone District:																
Chandler Circuit	38	214	4	2			4	18	230	5	2225	1	100			
Daisy "	25	260	2	4	1	6	5	37	291	6	4775			1085	$ 5	200
Gladstone "	20	176	3	2	16	4	5	26	200	6	2700			1000		
Greensboro "	3	18		1		3	1	8	45	2	1000			79	37	
Huntersville Circuit	15	100					3	18	75	4	2000					
Lexington "	18	75	1	3			3	30	200	3	1200					
New Salem "		145	1				3	18	150	3	1200	1	250			
Troy "	11	70	1	1			3	12	70	3	850	1	150	125		
Graham "		35	1							1	200					
Total	130	1093	13	13	17	13	27	167	1261	33	16150	3	500	2289	42	200

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Number of Probationers.	Number of Full Members.	Number of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools	No of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value	Paid for build'g and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Proptv	Present indebtedness on Church Proptv
STATESVILLE DISTRICT:																
Caldwell Mission	.....	32	1	.....	.....	.....	1	4	20	2	$ 600	.....	.....	$ 150	.....	.....
Gastonia Circuit	18	110	1	1	10	3	3	18	57	7	2000	1	$ 300	.....	.....	.....
Golden "	26	196	1	2	3	15	5	39	350	5	1700	.....	.....	123	$ 5	.....
Harmony "	15	350	1	2	.....	10	5	40	350	5	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Statesville Mission	13	121	.....	3	12	7	3	22	145	3	1200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trap Hill Circuit	22	379	4	4	.....	10	3	20	203	5	2000	1	300	110	.....	.....
Wilkesboro Circuit	6	183	.....	1	.....	6	3	12	125	3	1600	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
Yadkinville "	20	290	4	3	.....	10	4	25	300	6	1500	1	150	.....	.....	.....
Zion "	24	341	4	5	.....	17	5	42	300	7	3125	.....	.....	75	.....	.....
Total	144	2002	16	21	25	78	33	222	1850	43	16725	3	750	558	5	.....
RECAPITULATION:																
Asheville District	166	1694	12	13	10	65	23	106	1195	34	17600	4	900	1500	.....	.....
Clyde "	191	1842	17	25	29	48	28	142	1261	36	18000	9	1850	980	.....	$ 485
Gladstone "	130	1093	13	13	17	13	27	167	1261	33	16150	3	500	2289	42	206
Statesville "	144	2002	16	21	25	78	33	222	1850	46	16725	3	750	558	5	.....
Grand Total	631	6631	58	72	81	204	111	637	5567	149	68475	19	4000	5327	47	685
COMPARISON:																
Last Year	821	6694	57	57	149	436	118	692	6377	147	69630	18	5400	2905	99	1625
Decrease	190	63	.....	.....	68	232	7	65	810	.....	1355	.....	1400	.....	52	940
Increase	.....	.....	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	2422	.....	.....

Statistics No. 3. Blue Ridge Conference, for 1898.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiencies.	Prsd'g Eldrs Bishops. Amount apportioned	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	Conf. Clmnts From Collections.	Other Sources.	Total	Current Expenses Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc	Sunday Schools: Lesson Leaves Books, etc.
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT:																		
Asheville & Columbus	A S Beaman	$ 300	$ 16	$ 316	$ 125	$ 7	$ 132	$ 184	$ 25	$ 19	$ 1		$ 151					$ 100
Bakersville Circuit	J H Rominger	200	25	225	70	25	95	130	30	8			103					
Boone "	D A Lanier	150		150	55		55	95	20	10			65					
Burnsville "	W R West	75	12	87	75	12	87		12				87					5
Creston "	D M Graybeal	150		150	104		104	46	20	16			120	$ 1		$ 1		2
Jefferson "	J H Gillespie	300	25	325	200	25	225	100	40	33			258					8
Marion "	M G Ledford	175	12	187	110	12	122	65	30	20			142					
Montezuma "	Edwin Anderson	300		300	105		105	195	30	19	1	$ 1	125	1		1		
Toe River Mission	T B Garland								10	16								
Total		1650	90	1740	844	81	925	815	217	141	2	1	1051	2		2		122
CLYDE DISTRICT:																		
Clyde Circuit	W C Matney	380	50	430	258	50	308	122	35	35	1	1	344	3		3	$ 25	60
Culbersonc "	W A Ballew	165	25	190	110	25	135	45	25	28	1	1	164	1		1	2	10
Dellwood "	L J Penley	150		150	14		14	136	20	15			29	1		1		
Elf "	A Traylor	100		100	55		55	45	20	15	1		70					2
Highlands "	G W Matney	150	24	174	50	24	74	100	25	24			98	2		2	5	5
Irvin "	J B Tucker	300	35	335	165	35	200	135	20	25	1	1	226	1		1	4	8
Leicester "	C F Casstevens	300	25	325	175	25	200	125	25	29	1	1	230	1		1		25
Pisgah "	J L Dennis	200	25	225	185	25	210	15	20	20	2	2	232	1		1	25	
Unaka "	M A West	180	12	192	112	12	124	68	20	21	3	1	146	1		1	5	
Wilmot "	W J Evans	150		150	46		46	104	20	8	1	1	55	1		1		4
Total		2075	196	2271	1170	196	1366	895	230	220	11	8	1594	12		12	56	114
GLADSTONE DISTRICT:																		
Chandler Circuit	C C Morris	200	12	212	147	12	159	41	20	5	1	1	165		$ 1	1		5
Daisy "	D S George	240		240	210		210	30	20	23	1	1	234	2		2	15	20
Gladstone "	W S Moore	150		150	124		124	26	25	20			144		1	1	1	18
Greensboro "	N M Cooper				12		12		4	4			16				6	3
Huntersville Circuit	J H Hopkins																	
Lexington "	L C Nash	70		70	30		30	40	16	6			36				30	30
New Salem "	J N S Doub	100	15	115	60	15	75	40	10	8			83					8
Troy "	C C Morris	90	6	96	30	6	36	54	20	5			41					2
Total		850	33	883	613	33	646	231	115	71	2	2	719	2	2	4	52	86

Statistics No. 3. Blue Ridge Conference, for 1898.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Prsd'g Eldrs Bishops. Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	Conf. Clmnts From Collections.	Other Sources.	Total	Current Expenses Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc	Sunday-Schools: Lesson Leaves Books, etc.
STATESVILLE DIST.:																		
Caldwell Mission	L W Corbet	$ 15	.....	$ 15	$ 14	.....	$ 14	$ 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gastonia Circuit	F A L Clark	200	$ 50	250	151	$ 50	201	49	$ 20	$ 18	.....	.....	219	$ 1	.....	$ 1	$ 2	$ 6
Golden "	A L Johnson	120	.....	120	135	.....	135	.....	25	25	$ 1	$ 1	161	2	.....	2	.....	30
Harmony "	J M Heath	200	.....	200	185	.....	185	15	28	23	1	1	209	.....	.....	.....	.....	125
Statesville Mission	J H Patterson	100	.....	100	29	.....	29	71	10	10	.....	.....	39	1	.....	1	2	10
Trap Hill Circuit	J C Richardson	130	.....	130	86	.....	86	44	20	16	.....	.....	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilkesboro Circuit	E J Winkler	150	.....	150	47	.....	47	103	20	.....	.....	.....	47	.....	.....	.....	100	10
Yadkinville "	D S Richardson	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	40	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	8	4
Zion "	C M Warden	175	25	200	100	25	125	75	25	10	.....	.....	135	1	.....	1	4	6
Total		1090	75	1165	787	75	862	358	148	111	2	2	975	5	.....	5	116	191
RECAPITULATION:																		
Asheville District		1650	90	1740	844	81	925	815	217	141	2	1	1051	2	.....	2	...	122
Clyde "		2075	196	2271	1170	196	1366	895	230	220	11	8	1594	12	.....	12	66	114
Gladstone "		850	33	883	613	33	646	231	115	71	2	2	719	2	$ 2	4	52	86
Statesville "		1090	75	1165	787	75	862	358	148	111	2	2	975	5	.....	5	116	191
Grand Total		6665	394	6059	3414	385	3799	2299	710	543	17	13	4339	21	2	23	234	513
COMPARISON:																		
Last Year		6166	402	6468	3861	384	4387	2233	764	584	15	11	4982	23	.....	23	279	229
Decrease		.....	8	309	447	.....	588	.....	54	41	.....	.....	643	2	.....	.....	45	.....
Increase		499	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	66	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	284

Statistics No. 4. Blue Ridge Conference for 1898.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	EDUCATION		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total other Benevolent Coll'ns	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Total.
	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday-School.	Total.					(a) Public Education'l Collection	(b) Children's Fund.								
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT:																	
Asheville & Columbus	$ 4	....	$ 4	$ 1	.....	.....	.....	$ 12	$ 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 18
Bakersville Circuit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boone "	2	...	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Burnsville "	4	...	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Creston "	8	...	8	2	$ 1	$ 1	$ 1	.....	.....	.....	$ 1	$ 1	.....	.....	$ 1	.....	16
Jefferson "	9	...	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Marion "	7	...	7	9	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 1	21
Montezuma "	6	..	6	2	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	20
Toe River Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	40	.....	40	15	1	1	3	17	8	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2	2	91
CLYDE DISTRICT:																	
Clyde Circuit	26	...	26	5	1	1	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	45
Culberson "	5	....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	8
Dellwood "	1	...	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	3
Elf "	1	...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Highlands "	5	....	5	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	13
Irvin "	4	....	4	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	13
Leicester "	10	..	10	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	15
Pisgah "	10	....	10	5	1	1	.....	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	25
Unaka "	5	....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	8
Wilmot "	3	...	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	9
Total	70	.....	70	20	3	2	7	7	6	1	1	2	...	1	12	8	140
GLADSTONE DISTRICT:																	
Chandler Circuit	4	....	4	1	1	.....	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	11
Daisy "	17	..	17	8	1	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	1	36
Gladstone "	12	...	12	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	17
Greensboro "	1	...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Huntersville Circuit	5	....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7
Lexington "	3	....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
New Salem "	2	....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Troy "	4	..	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Graham "	1	....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Total	49	.....	49	14	3	2	3	.....	4	1	.....	2	.....	.....	4	3	85

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
	MISSIONS			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	EDUCATION		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total other Benevolent Col'ns	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Total.
	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday-School.	Total.					(a) Public Education'l Collection	(b) Children's Fund.								
STATESVILLE DIST.:																	
Caldwell Mission	1		1								1	1					3
Gastonia Circuit	6		6	2			1					1			1		11
Golden "	5		5	4	2	1					1	1			2	1	17
Harmony "	9		9	2	1	1	1		1						2	1	18
Statesville Mission	3		3	1											1		5
Trap Hill Circuit	3		3	1			1		1			1					7
Wilkesboro Circuit	3		3	1	1												5
Yadkin and Pilot Circuit	3		3														3
Zion Circuit	6		6	5	1	1	5					1			1		20
Total	39		39	16	5	3	8		2		2	5			7	2	89
RECAPITULATION:																	
Asheville District			40	15	1	1	3	17	8		1	1			2	2	91
Clyde "			70	20	3	2	7	7	6	1	1	2		1	12	8	140
Gladstone "			49	14	3	2	3		4	1		2			4	3	85
Statesville "			39	16	5	3	8		2		2	5			7	2	89
Grand Total			198	65	12	8	21	24	20	2	4	10		1	25	15	405
COMPARISON:																	
Last Year			262	82	14	8	32	1	18	1	2	9			23	12	464
Decrease			64	17	2		11										59
Increase								23	2	1	2	1		1	2	3	

Treasurer's Report, Blue Ridge Conference, for 1898.

Districts.		Missionary Society.	Church Extension.	Sunday-School Union.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & Southern Education Society.	Education			American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	(General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Recapitulation.		
							(a) Public Education Collection	(b) Children's Fund.								Total Cash	Total Vouchers	Total Cash & Vouchers
Asheville	Voucher.							$7 00								$85 00	$7 00	$92
	Cash	$40	$15	$1	$1	$3	$17	$1 00		$1	$1	$1		$2	$2			
Clyde	Voucher.							2 41								137 59	2 41	140
	Cash	71	20	3	2	7	7	3 59		1	1	2		13	6			
Gladstone	Voucher.															68 00	17 00	85
	Cash	32	14	3	2	3		4 00		1		2		4	3			
Statesville	Voucher.										1					89 00		89
	Cash	39	16	5	3	6		2 00			2	5		7	2			
Total	Voucher.							9 41								379 59	26 41	406
	Cash	181	65	12	8	21	24	10 59		2	4	10	2	26	13			

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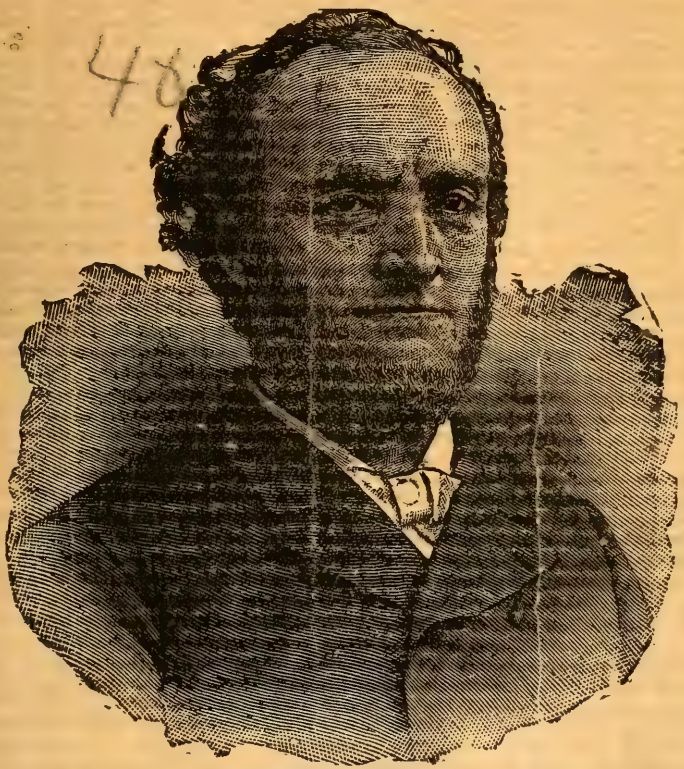

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OUR DEAD.

Name	Died	Admitted	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Barker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Wltt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1880	From Holston.
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference.
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W, Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Confeaence.
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1896		
A. H. Peeples	1897	1885	On trial.
J. H. Romlnger	1898	1892	On trial.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

—Mrs. Makay.

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT	SECRETARIES.
1879 Jan	Greensboro	Bishop Peck	E. O. Thayer

CHANGED TO

Blue Ridge Conference.

1880 Jan 28 Feb 1	Concord	Bishop Simpson	W. G. Matton
1881 " 20-24	Leicester	" Warren	"
1882 " 19-23	Asheville	" Foster	"
1883 " 24-29	Gastonia	" Merrill	"
1884 " 30 Feb 4	Asheville	" Bowman	J. D. Roberson
1885 Oct. 1-5	Gastonia	" Mallalieu	W. T. Ford
1886 " 7-11	Smiths Chapel	" Walden	"
1887 " 19-23	Asheville	" Mallalieu	W. Q. A. Graham
1888 " 18-22	Clyde	" Fitzgerald	"
1889 " 17-21	Asheville	" Joyce	J. D. Roberson
1890 " 16-20	Clyde	" "	"
1891 " 21-25	Asheville	" Warren	A. Graybeal
1892 " 13-16	Poindexter	" Foss	A. H. Gamble
1893 " 12-16	Daisy	" Hurst	W. Q. A. Graham
1894 Sept 27 Oct 1	Smith's Chapel	" Foster	"
1895 Oct 9-14	Clyde	" Mallalieu	A. Graybeal
1896 Sept 24-27	Asheville	" "	"
1897 Oct 14-17	Walkertown	" Andrews	A. Graybeal
1898 " 20-24	Marion	" Goodsell	A. Graybeal
1899 Oct 19-22	Seward	" Fowler	A. Graybeal

CONFERENCE ROLL. 1899.

NAME,	ORDER.	POST OFFICE.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Anderson, E.	Elder,	Montezuma,	1893
Burnett, J. S.	"	Chattanooga,	1888
Casstevens, C. F.	"	Old Fort,	1890
Clark, F. A. L.	"	Gastonia,	1884
Cooper, N. M.	"	Greensboro,	1884
Dennis, J. L.	"	Gladstone	1891
George, D. S.	"	Seward,	1892
Evans, W. J.	"	Sylva	1888
Corbett, L. W.	Deacon,	Valle Crucis,	1896
Doub, J. N. S.	"	Albemarle,	1895
Gillespie, J. H.	Elder,	Troy,	1885
Graybeal, A.	"	Montezuma,	1882
Heath, J. M.	"	Lansing.	1892
Hopkins, J. H.	"	New Salem,	1892
Haltom, W. C.	Deacon,	Gladstone,	1898
Lanier, D. A.	Elder,	Irvin,	1890
Beaman, A. S.	"	Columbus,	1895
Matney, J. F.	"	Clyde,	1888
Matney, W. C.	"	Clyde,	1889
Matherson, D. M	"	Unaka,	1888
Stevenson, J. L.	"	Culberson,	1899
Morris, C. C.	Deacon,	Leicester.	1897
Patterson, J. H.	Elder	East Bend,	1887
Rhyne, J. J.	Deacon,	Eupeptic Springs,	1887
Richardson, J. C.	"	Trap Hill,	1896
Tucker, J. B.	Elder,	Acton,	1895
West, W. R.	Deacon,	Athlone,	1890
Warden, C. M	"	Martin.	1895
Richardson, D. S.	"	Settle,	1888
Winkler, E. J.	Elder,	Wilksboro,	1888
Rominger, L. A.	Deacon	Elf,	1886
Christenberry, H. D.	Elder,	Lexington,	1884
Smith, C. W.	"	Riceville,	1885
Forscht, A. C.	"		1899
Huddleston, L. R.	Deacon,	Bakersville,	1899
	PROBATIONERS.		
Harris W. K.	Licentiate,	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1898
Johnson, A, L.	Deacon,	Gamble's Store, N, C	1899
Patton, W. A.	"	Ashley,	1898
West, M. A.	Licentiate	Roan's Mills,	1890
Edwards, J, W.	"	Herrells,	1899
Owen, W, T.	"	Pension,	1899
Rowe, T. D,	"	Chattanooga, Tenn.,	1898

SUPERNUMERARY.

Ballew, W. A.	Elder,	Vest,	1885
Cannon, J. R.	"	Romana; Md.,	1882
Reynolds, E. H.	"	Parrottsville, Tenn.	1889
Verner, Hardy	Deacon,	Settle, N. C.	1888
Beamon, W. B.	"	Troy,	1892
Rawlings, Wm.	Elder,		1889
Nash, L. C.	Deacon,	Troy,	1893
Graybeal, D. M.	"	Graybeal,	1897
Matney, G. W,	"	Highlands,	1893
Traylor, A.	"	Aguon,	18..
Nelson, E. G.	"	Johnson City, Tenn,	1889
Moore, W. S.		Troy, N. C;	1897

SUPERANNUATE.

Matton, W. G.	Elder.	High Point,	1880
Franklin, D. N.	"	Sylva,	1885
Penly, L. J,	"	Asheville,	1888

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE,

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

1899.

OFFICERS :

PRESIDENT—Bishop C. H. Fowler, D.D,. LL. D.
SECRETARY—A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY—A. L. Johnson.
STATISTICAL SECRETARY—D. S. George.
TREASURER—W. C. Matney.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS :

A. Graybeal, President ; W. C. Matney, Registrar.
For Admission : D. S. George, W. C. Haltom.
First Year : C. W. Smith, J. H. Gillespie.
Second Year : J. L. Dennis, A. J. Johnson.
Third Year : E. Anderson, J. M. Heath.
Fourth Year : J. F. Matney, J. H. Patterson.
For Orders : W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal.
The following rules were adopted by the Committee ;

1st. Examinations the day preceding Annual Conference.

2nd. Written examinations.

3rd. First on committee is chairman of the committee of his year.

4th. All questions to be in the hands of the chairman by Aug. 1st, 1900.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

W. J. Evans, E. J. Winkler, E. Anderson, W. C. Matney, F. A. L. Clark, D. A. Lanier, L. A. Rominger.

To preach Missionary Sermon, A. J. Johnson ; Alternate, J. M. Heath.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President, A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.; Vice-Pres., N. S. Ridenhour ; J. C. Richardson, L. R. Huddlestone, Edwin Anderson, C. R Garland, P. E's ex–officio ; E. Anderson, Secretary Montezuma, N. C.

RELIEF FUND.

A. Graybeal, President, Montezuma, N. C.; C. B. Moore, Treasurer, Asheville. Special committee—J. F. Matney, C. W. Smith and C. B. Moore.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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1. Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences ? None.

2. Who have been Readmitted ? None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials and from what Churches ? Lee R. Huddlestone from M. E. Church South ; J. W. Edwards, from Baptist Church ; A. C. Forscht, from Lutheran Church.

4. Who have been Received on Trial ? (a) In studies of First Year : J. W. Edwards, W. T. Owen.

5. Who have been continued on Trial ? (a) In Studies of

First Year : W. K. Harris. (b) In Studies of Second Year : A. L. Johnson, T. D. Rowe, W. A. Patton. (c) In Studies of Third Year : M. A. West.

6. Who have been admitted into Full Membership ? Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year : L. W. Corbett, J. N. S. Doub, J. C. Richardson. Elected and Ordained Deacons previously : C. C. Morris, W.C . Haltom.

7 What Members are in Studies of Third Year ? (a)Admitted into Full Membership this year : L. R. Huddlestone. (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously : D. M. Graybeal, C. M. Warden, G. W. Matney, W. S. Moore, W. B. Beaman, J. H. Hopkins, H. Verner, A. Traylor.

8. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year ? D. S. Richardson, L. C. Nash, J. J. Rhyne, W. R. West, E. G. Nelson.

9. What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study ? (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year : J. M. Heath, J. B. Tucker, A. S. Beaman.

10. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers : Hiram Weaver. (b) Under Missionary Rule : A. L. Johnson, W. A. Patton.

11. Who have withdrawn ? M. G. Ledford, E. S. Robinson.

12. What other personal Notation should be made ? L. R. Huddlestone joined on credentials. A. C. Forscht admitted on credentials.

13. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ? W. A. Ballew, J. R. Cannon, M. W. Broyles, E. H. Reynolds, H. Verner, W. B. Beaman, Wm. Rawlings, L. C. Nash, D. M. Graybeal, G. W. Matney, A. Traylor, E. G. Nelson, W. S. Moore.

14. Who are the Superannuated Preachers ? W. G. Matton, L. J. Penley, D. N. Franklin.

15. Who are the Triers of Appeals ? W. J. Evans, E. J. Winkler, E. Anderson, W. C. Matney, F. A. L. Clark, D. A. Lanier, J. L. Dennis.

16. What is the Statistical Report for this year ? See tables.

17. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer ? $658.

18. What are the claims on the Conference Fund? $272.

19. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? See Steward's report.

20. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See list of Appointments.

21. Where shall the Next Conference be held? Clyde, N. C.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

J. F. Matney, Presiding Elder, Clyde, N. C.

Asheville	C. W. Smith
Columbus	A. S. Beaman
Clyde	W. C. Matney
Culberson	J. L. Stephenson
Dana	Sup. by F. M. Pressly
Elf	L. A. Rominger
Highlands	M. A. West
Irvin	D. A. Lanier
Leicester	C. C. Morris
Pisgah	J. B. Tucker
Sylva	W. J. Evans
Unaka	D. M. Matherson

MONTEZUMA DISTRICT.

E. Anderson, Presiding Elder, Montezuma, N. C.

Bakersville	L. R. Huddlestone
Boone	L. W. Corbett
Burnsville	W. R. West
Creston	W. A. Patton
Caldwell	F. M. Welborn
Jefferson	J. M. Heath
Montezuma	A. Graybeal
Marion	C. F. Casstevens
Traphill	J. C. Richardson
Toe River	J. W. Edwards
Wilkesboro	J. J. Rhyne

W. K. Harris left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

J S. Burnett left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

T. D. Rowe left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

A. J. Johnson, Presiding Elder, Buckshoal, N. C.

Golden and Shelby	A. L. Johnson
Kings' Mt. and Clifton	F. A. L. Clark
Yadkin and Pilot	J. H. Patterson
Zion	C. M. Warden
Harmony	D. S. Richardson
Gladstone	W. C. Haltom
Daisy	D. S. George
Greensboro	H. W. Bedford
Huntersville	J. L. Dennis
Lexington	H. D. Christenberry
New Salem	J. H. Hopkins
Troy	J. H. Gillespie
Chandler	W. T. Owen
Albemarle	J. N. S. Doub
Alamance	N. M. Cooper
Roseland	E. J. Winkler

FIRST DAY.

OPENING.—The Blue Ridge Conference convened for its twenty-first session in Elm Grove Methodist Episcopal Church Seward, N. C., October 19th, 1899, Bishop C. H. Fowler presiding

COMMUNION SERVICES.—After reading Scripture lesson and singing a hymn, the Bishop, assisted by the presiding elders, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ROLL CALL.—The Secretary called the roll and the following were present: Edwin Anderson, N. M Cooper, C. F Casstevens, J. L. Dennis, D. S. George, W. J. Evans, J. H. Gillespie, A. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, J. H. Hopkins, A. J. Johnson, D. A. Lanier, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, J. H. Patterson, J. J. Rhyne, J. B. Tucker, C. M. Warden, L. W. Corbett, J. N. S. Doub, W. C. Hallom, A. L. Johnson, J. C. Richardson, W. A. Patton, T. D. Rowe, C. C. Morris, D. S. Richardson, E. J. Winkler, H. D. Christenbury, L. A. Rominger, C. W. Smith.

ELECTION OF SECRETARIES.—On motion of A. J. Johnson, A. Graybeal was elected Secretary of the Conference, and A. L. Johnson, Assistant.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.—On motion of W. C. Matney, D. S. George was elected Statistical Secretary and C. M. Warden, assistant.

TREASURER.—On motion of Edwin Anderson, W. C. Matney, was elected Treasurer and C. C. Morris assistant.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—The presiding elders made nominations for the standing committees, and on motion they were adopted as follows:

1. PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. H. Gillespie and E. Anderson.
2. CONFERENCE RELATIONS—Presiding Elders.
3. CHURCH EXTENSION—W. J. Evans, D. S. George, J. L. Dennis.
4. EDUCATION—A. S. Beaman, C. C. Morris, L. A. Rominger,

5. MISSIONS—Presiding Elders.

6. F. A. & S. E. SOCIETY—W. C. Haltom, W. J. Evans and C. M. Warden.

7. TRACTS—L. A. Rominger and J. H. Hopkins.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. M. Heath, J. B. Tucker, J L. Stephenson.

9. SABBATH—J. L. Dennis, E. J. Winkler.

10. STATE OF THE CHURCH—A. J. Johnson, A. Graybeal, J, F. Matney.

11. AUDITING—E. Anderson, W. J. Evans, C. M. Warden, J. M. Heath.

12. PERIODICALS—J. B. Tucker, W. C. Matney, T. D. Rowe.

13. TEMPERANCE—D. S. Richardson, W. C. Haltom, C. C. Morris.

14. STEWARDS—W. J Evans, J. M. Heath, J. C. Richardson, J. L. Dennis.

15 MEMOIRS—W. T. Owen, D. S. Richardson, W. A. Patton.

16. DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.—E. Anderson, T. D. Rowe, A. L. Johnson, C. C. Morris.

17. EPWORTH LEAGUE.—C. W. Smith, J. B Tucker, W. C. Haltom.

18. TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.—A. S. Beaman, W. C. Matney, W. C. Haltom.

19. BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.—C. W. Smith.

MEETING AND ADJOURNING.—On motion of J. F. Matney, the time for meeting was fixed at 9 A. M, and for adjournment at 12 M., first half hour to be devoted to prayer service.

BAR OF CONFERENCE--On motion the bar of the Conference was fixed so as to include the seats immediately in front of the 3rd. window.

W. Q. A. Graham, D. D. Superintendent of the Atlantic Mission Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION was taken up. A. Graybeal was called, his charactor passed, and he reported the work of the Asheville District.

On motion of A. Graybeal the pastors were requested to report the benevolent collections in full.

C. F. Casstevans was called, his character passed and he reported his benevolent collections.

J. F. Matney was called, his character passed and he reported his work on the Clyde District. W. C. Matney, D. A. Lanier and W. J. Evans were called, their character passed and they reported their benevolent collections. W A. Ballew was called, his character passed and, in his absence, his presiding elder reported the collections, and on motion of J. F. Matney he was placed on the supernumary list. The charactor of D. M. Matherson was passed and his presiding elder reported for him.

Gladstone District was called. The character of J. H. Gillespie was passed and he reported the work of his district.

Edwin Anderson and J. L. Dennis were called, their character passed and they reported their benevolent collections. N. M. Cooper was called, charges having been preferred against him, he was referred to a special committee to hear the complaints and advise the Conference. The following composed the committee: D. S. George, C. W. Smith and W. C. Matney.

Statesville District was called. The character of A. J. Johnson was passed and he reported the work of his district. J. H. Patterson's character passed and his P. E. reported his benevolent collections. D. S.George's character passed and he reported his collections.

QUESTION 11 WAS TAKEN UP.—Upon the recommendation of Asheville District Conference, Hiram Weaver was elected to Deacon's Orders.

QUESTION 22 WAS TAKEN UP.—"Who are the Supernumerary preachers? J. R. Cannon, L. A. Rominger, D. S. Richardson, M. W. Broyles E. H. Reynolds, Wm. Rawlins, Hardy Verner, W. B. Beaman, were called, their character passed and they were continued in their present relation.

QUESTION 23.—Who are the Superanuated preachers? W. G. Matton, D. N. Franklin, L. J. Penley and C. W. Smith were called, their character passed and they were continued in the same relation.

QUESTION 30.—Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held? Clyde and Greensboro were nominated, but Clyde chosen.

COMMITTEES.—The secretary called the list of committees for announcements.

STATISTICAL SESSION.—On motion of A. Graybeal a statistical session was ordered, to meet at 1:30 this P. M. C. W. Smith was appointed to conduct the prayer service tomorrow morning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—On motion of Edwin Anderson an executive session was ordered for 9:30 tomorrow morning to consider a memorial to the General Conference.

ELECTIONS.—It was announced that the election of delegate to the General Conference would take place immediately after the Bishop's address to the class for admission—the address to be at 19:30 tomorrow.

On motion the Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference convened pursuant to adjournment at 1:30. J. M. Heath in the chair. Statistics from various charges were passed to the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A. M. Devotionial exercises were conducted by W. J. Evans.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. A motion was made by A. Graybeal that the order of the day be taken up and and that the Conference go into executive session. A motion was made to amend by A. J. Johnson that we allow the members of our church to remain. The motion as amended, carried.

Edwin Anderson read the report of the committee appointed at last Conference to prepare a memorial to next General Conference on Federation. On motion of A. J. Johnson the report was adopted. After which E. Anderson read and discussed the memorial. On motion of A. Graybeal the memorial was adopted.

On motion the executive session closed and the regular work was taken up.

QUESTION 7, "Who were admitted to full membership?' was taken up. The class for admission was called forward and the Bishop addressed the class and Conference in a forcible manner on the work of the Ministry.

J. N. S. Doub, L. W. Corbett and W. C. Haltom having passed in the studies of the Second year, on motion of their respective presiding elders, were admitted to full membership and elected to deacon's orders. C. C. Morris having been ordained previously was admitted to full membership. A. L. Johnson was continued on trial in studies of the Second year. M. A. West was continued on trial in studies of the 3rd year. A. L. Johnson was elected to deacon's orders under the Missionary Rule.

F. A. L. Clark was appointed to conduct the devotions tomorrow morning.

On motion C. W. Smith and D. S. Richardson were made effective.

The advisory committee in the case of N. M. Cooper reported that in their opinion the case should come to trial. The Bishop appointed the following committee: W.C. Matney, Chairman; W. J. Evans, C. F. Casstevans, F. A. L. Clark, D. A. Lanier, D. S. George, C. W. Smith, J. H. Patterson, H. D. Christenbury, J. L. Dennis, L.A. Rominger, and J. L. Stephenson. E. Anderson was chosen counsel for the church, W. Q. A. Graham as counsel for the defence and A. L. Johnson as Sceretary.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A. M. F. A. L. Clark conducted the devotions.

On motion of A. J. Johnson, J. C. Richardson was elected to Deacon's orders, and to full membership in the Conference, and passed in the studies of the second year, being required to bring up two books in which he was deficient.

The committee in case of N. M. Cooper reported as follows.

Charge No 1. Withdrawn by counsel for church.

Charge No 2. Sustained.

Charge No 3. Specification 1 We find that the Rev. N. M. Cooper is guilty of using his influence to have the pastor of Spring Garden M. E. church locked out; but that he is not wholly responsible for the act.

Charge No 4. Specification 1. We your committee find that N. M. Cooper did, through a misunderstanding of the purpose for which a certain three dollars paid him by Tyre Glenn, Esq. Post Master at Greensboro, N. C. was intended to be used, pay the same on other church indebtedness instead of the liquidation of the debt held by said Cooper against Spring Garden M. E. Church as understood by Rev. J. H. Hopkins.

W. C. Matney, Chairman,
A. L. Johnson, Sec'y.

PENALTY. Rev. N. M. Cooper shall be reprimanded by the Bishop in open Conference; and that he shall no more interfere with pastor or church property at Greensboro.

Signed by,

W. C. MATNEY,
D. A, LANIER,
J. L. DENNIS,
W. J. EVANS,
C. F. CASSTEVANS,
L. A. ROMINGER,
J. L. STEPHENSON,
J. H. PATTERSON,
H. D. CHRISTENBERRY,
D. S. GEORGE.

QUESTION 10, was taken up. J. M. Heath was called, his character passed and he was elected to Elder's orders and passed out of the course of study, he being required to bring up Exegetical Studies and Manual of Christian Evidences.

M. G. Ledford and E. S. Robinson were called. It was announced that they had withdrawn from the church. D. S. Richardson, J. J. Rhyne and W. R. West were continued in studies of the 4th year, L. C. Nash was continued in 4th year and granted a supernumerary relation. E. G. Nelson was

continued in 4th year and supernumerated. On motion of A. J. Johnson, E. G. Nelson was requested to locate, or proceed would be taken to locate him at next Conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION On motion an afternoon session was ordered for 2 p. m. D. M. Graybeal. A Traylor, G. W. Matney were continued in studies of 2nd year and granted a supernumerary relation.

C. M. Warden, J. H. Hopkins were continued in 3rd year. W. S. Moore continued in 3rd year. W. B. Beaman continued in 3rd year and supernumerated. H. Verner continued in 3rd year.

QUESTION 5, was taken up. T. D. Rowe was continued on trial in studies of Second year and left without appointment to attend school. W. A. Patton was continued and passed to studies of 2nd year and elected to deacon's orders under the Missionary rule. W. K. Harris continued in 1st year and left without appointment to attend school.

DELEGATES. On motion the Conference proceeded to elect a ministerial delegate to the General Conference and a reserve delegate. D. S. George. W. C. Haltom and A. S. Beaman were appointed tellers.

Lee R. Huddlestone, a minister in the M. E. Church South was admitted to full membership as a deacon and placed in the 3rd year in the Studies. J. W. Edwards, a minister in the Missionary Baptist Church, was admitted on trial and placed in the 1st years' studies. A. C. Forscht, a Lutheran minister, was admitted in full membership as an elder.

On motion of A. Graybeal the following plan to raise funds for the publication of minutes was adopted. That each presiding elder be responsible for the amount coming from the charges and that he be authorized to retain the amount from the 1st quarter's missionary appropriation and collect from self-supporting charges. The Secretary stated that 80 cents from each pastoral charge and $100 from each P. E. would be sufficient this year.

Dr. A. J. Palmer was introduced and addressed the conference concerning the work of the Missionary Society

W. T. Owen was admitted on trial.

DELEGATES. A. J. Johnson was elected ministerial delegate to the General Conference and W. C. Matney reserve.

Rev. Wood of the M. E. Church South was introduced to the Conference. Rev. Laster of the Protestant church was introduced.

W. J. Evans and W. C. Matney were appointed with A. J. Johnson as a committee to confer with W. Q. A. Graham concerning the devision of the Conference Relief Fund.

J. S. Brunett was left without an appointment to attend school.

On motion of A. Graybeal the general educational collection was allowed to go to Central Industrial Institute.

C. F. Casstevans appointed to conduct the devotions this p. m.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Palmer.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

Conference met at 2 p. m. Minutes were read and approved.

REPORTS.

Auditing, by E. Anderson, Adopted.
Tracts, by L. A. Rominger. Adopted.
Education, by C. C. Morris, Adopted.
Epworth League, by C. W. Smith. Adopted.
F. A. and S. E. Society, by W. C. Haltom. Adopted.
Sabbath, by E. J. Winkler. Adopted.
State of the Church, by A. J. Johnson. Adopted.
Stewards, by W. J. Evans. Adopted.
Temperance, by D. S. Richardson. Adopted.
Memoirs, by W. T. Owen. Adopted.
Periodicals, by J. B. Tucker. Adopted.
District Conference Records Adopted.

J. B. Tucker was passed in studies of the 4th year and elected to elder's orders.

A. S. Beaman was passed in studies of the 3rd and 4th years and elected to elder's orders.

Dr. Graham addressed the Conference concerning the Wesleyan Advocate.

Committee on Conference Relief Fund reported. On motion of E. Anderson and amended by E. J. Winkler the funds that belonged to the Conference when the Atlantic Mission Conference was organized be divided pro. rata according to the members in full connection at the time. Amended by appointing a committee consisting of the P. E. of the Clyde District, C. B. Moore and C. W. Smith to collect the funds or see to it that all the funds be placed on good real estate security. Motion as amended adopted.

L. A. Rominger was placed on the effective list.

Treasurer and Statistical Secretary reported.

Resolutions of thanks to the Bishop and Mrs. Fowler and the citizens of Seward were adopted by a rising vote.

A. Graybeal read the Report of the Committee on Missions. Adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the Conference adjourn after the appointments are read tomorrow afternoon.

Conference adjourned with Benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference met Sunday afternoon for its closing session.

J. M. Heath, J. B. Tucker and A. S. Beaman were ordained Elders.

L. W. Corbett, J. N. S. Doub, J. C. Richardson, A. L. Johnson, W. A. Patton and Hiram Weaver were ordained Deacons.

The Bishop read the appointments.

Conference adjourned SINE DIE.

C. H. FOWLER, President.

I certify that the above is the official Journal of the Blue Ridge Conference.

A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Jesse Thomas, the only child of Rev. J. H. and S. A. Gilespie, was born August 14th, 1898, and died Aug. 6th, 1898, age 11 mos, 22 days.

Tommie was in always delicate in health, but was bright, and one of the most intelligent of his age. He was a sweet child and loved of all who knew him. He was the pride of both father and mother and one of the chief sources of their happiness.

Resolved, that we as a Conference extend our sympathies to Bro. Gillespie and wife, and to Rev. J. L. Dennis and family in the loss of their infant babe. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. Owens,
W. A, Patton,
D. S. Richardson.

PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following report :

Whereas, the circulation good religious literature as a means of educating the people and keeping them abreast of the progress of the church and realizing the fact that so many of our people fail to take our church papers,

Therefore be it resolved, that we the preachers and pastors do our utmost to put some one of our papers in every home.

We also recommend the Conference endorse the Wesleyan Advocate, edited by Dr. W. Q. A. Graham, in connection with the Advocate-Journal.

J. B. Tucker, Chairman.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Because of the importance of thoroughly organizing our young people for Christian work, we, your Committee, urge that each pastor organize, and see that Epworth Leagues are maintained, wherever practicable in the bounds of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. Smith, Ch'm.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Resolved first, That we the members of the Blue Ridge Conference will do all we can against Sabbath desecration and teach the people to remember the Fourth Commandment—to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Resolved, second, That we preach, at least, one sermon on the subject of Sabbath observance within the coming year.

J. L. Dennis,
E. J. Winkler, } Com.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, that we, as members of the Blue Ridge Ridge Conference, tender our thanks to the dear people of Seward for their kind hospitality shown us in providing for our necessities and pleasures during our brief stay with them, the remembrance of which will ever be pleasant to us, and we pray God's richest blessings may ever abide with them.

Respectfully submitted, C. C. MORRIS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

As a part of the great Methodist Episcopal Church we recognize the importance and necessity of education among our people and feel sure that our young people must be educated if we wish to rise to the desired attainment of Christian culture and be able to carry out the designs and demands of our beloved church and assume the responsibility of citizens of this great and mighty government

Therefore, be it resolved, First, That we urge each pastor of the Blue Ridge Conference to observe Children's Day at each appointment on his charge. See Discipline, Par. 337, Sec. 2.

Resolved, Second, That we earnestly ask the pastors to present the cause of our educational work in the homes of the people, and to preach at least one sermon a year on education at each appointment and not fail to take the public educational collection.

Resolved, Third, that we recommend to our people The Central Industrial Institute, Aaron Seminary and Gladstone Institute as most excellent preparatory schools, under efficient management · also Grant University at Athens and Chattanooga to all who wish a more advanced education.

Respectfully submitted, C. C. MORRIS,
L A. ROMINGER.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, we recognize that intemperance is destructive to the individual morally and physically, and that it promotes crime and poverty and is a mortal foe to the church,—

Resolved, first, That we the committee most earnestly request the preachers of the Blue Ridge Conference to preach at least one sermon a year on temperance at each appointment.

Resolved, second, That we hereby authorize the Presiding Bishop of the Blue Ridge Conference, in its behalf, to appeal to President McKinley, to carry Section 17 of "Army Re-Organization Law," into full force and effect, in accordance with its natural meaning and the intent of Congress by issuing an order as Com-

mander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, suppressing all liquor selling on all premises used for military purposes by the United States, at least until the opinion of the Attorney-General can be finally tested in the Courts.

Resolved, third, That we recommend our membership to stand firmly upon the ground of the doctrine of our Church—Total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the State.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. RICHARDSON,
W. C. HALTOM,
C. C. MORRIS.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

Inasmuch as the denominational schools here in the South, from the Academy to the College, have been supported in whole or in part by this Society and that twenty five of these institutions are among the white people in the States distinctly known as Southern States : We your committee earnestly request that in addition to meeting the appropriation for this cause the members of this Conference pay particular heed to the needs of our denominational schools. Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HALTOM,
C. M. WARDEN.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whereas, the Church Extension Society has been the friend in time of need to many of our churches and whereas we as a Conference have never raised the amount apportioned to us,—

Therefore, Resolved, that we feel thankful for the favors we have received and that we will raise our apportionment for this Society and thus prove our thankfulness.

W. J. EVANS.

MRS. FOWLER.

Whereas, Blue Ridge Conference has never before been favored by a visit from the wife of one of our Bishops, and, Whereas we feel very grateful to Mrs. Bishop Fowler for so kindly coming to us,—

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to her for her presence and assure her that we would gladly welcome her to our sessions at any time. N. M COOPER.

REPORT OF THE TRACT COMMITTEE TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

1. The Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church aids in tha circulation of religious literature, particularly in the form of tracts and leaflets throughout the entire world. It is circulating

literature in at least twelve languages in the United States alone and in more than twenty languages in foreign lands. Every year it gives away eleven million pages of tracts in the United States alone, besides sending ten thousand dollars annually to our mission stations for aid in the publication and circulation of religious literature. During the past year it has distributed tracts to the soldiers in nearly all our camps, to the sailors and marines whereever access could be obtained, to the prisons and public institutions throughout our land whenever application was made, and to thousands of pastors for circulation in their charges.

2. We recommend that the pastors in our Conference avail themselves more generally of the liberal offer of the Tract Society, which provides that every preacher who will make application can receive from the Society free, in the form of tracts, one half of the last collection of his charge for the Tract Society. If a larger grant is needed, and his church is not able to pay for the tracts, the Society will make generous donations of tracts for distribution.

3. We recommend that our pastors send to the Book Concern for the catalogue of tracts, which will be sent free to all who apply for it; and that they examine the abundant store of tracts published under the auspices of our Church. Tracts are exceedingly cheap, being sold at the uniform rate of 16 pages for one cent, so $1.00 will purchase 1,600 pages of tracts. We earnestly hope, that our pastors will avail themselves of the opportunity furnished by the Book Concern and the Tract Society for an increased circulation of these leaves from the tree of life.

4. Inasmuch as the Tract Society needs the sum of $50 000 per annum, in order to carry on its work throughout the Church and the world, we urge that a collection be taken for this Society in all our churches during the coming year, and that our support, both morally and financially, be given to the efforts of the Society to spread a Christian literature throughout the world.

L. A. ROMINGER.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

The Lay Delegates of the Blue Ridge Conference met on Saturday 21st of October, 1899, at Seward and organized by electing C. W. Smith as chairman and C. H. Christenberry as secretary. An election for a Delegate to the General Conference to be held in May 1900 was held. On the 3rd ballot N. S. Ridenhour was elected. C. W. Smith was elected by acclamation alternate. On motion N. S. Ridenhour and C. H. Christenberry were appointed as a committee to draft and submit resolutions. The committee met and made the following report :

Whereas, our Ministry has labored so zealously and sacrificed so willingly to build up our work here in the South and God in his wisdom has so prospered their labors, we oppose any movement that has any tendency to weaken our work in this Southland.

We therefore heartily indorse the memorial of the Blue Ridge Conference as adopted by the present session of the Ministerial Annual Conference. Whereas it is with gratitude that we point to the success of our Church during the present Century; but the dawning Century brings with it great responsibilities and new fields of labor. In order to fortify our Church for this great work, we sincerely approve of the Twentieth Century movement.

Signed: N. S. Ridenhour, G. H. Christenberry } Com.

C. H. Christenberry, Sec. C. W. Smith, Chmn.

LIST OF LOCAL PREACHERS

J. D. Jones,	Franklin,	N. C.
L. K. Moffitt,	"	"
J. T. Dugan,	Nina,	"
W. M. Morrow,	"	"
Wm. Clark,	Gum Log,	"
Wiley Henson,	Cowart,	"
—Edwards,		"
Thomas Evans,	Canton,	"
Wm. Warren,	"	"
Walter O Kelly,	"	"
S. H. Platt,	Roseland,	"
W. C. Cruse,	Gladstone,	"
D. L. Earnheart,	"	"
M. A. Dry,	Albemarle,	"
W. M. Lenox,	Chandler,	"
L. Dennis,	Uwharrie,	"
W. A. J. Cooper.	Staley,	"
J. T. Parrish,	Winston,	"
Linsey Swain,	Walkertown,	"
W. B. Richardson,		
E. H. Jarrell,	Randleman,	"
J. P. York,	Daisey,	"

James Bumgarner,.....Millers Crk, "
Hiram Weaver,.....Lansing, "
James Cole,.....White Top, Va.
Wm. Osborn,.....Roten, N. C.
K. C. Newland.....Jones, "
H. A. Blankenship,.....Concert, "
Rufus Graybeal,.....Graybeal, "
D. F. Cole.....Roark, "
A. W. Osborn,..... " "
Geo. Grear,.....Graybeal, "
J. P. Matney,.....Aho, "
J. W. Harris,.....Montezuma, "
C. Teal,.....Linville, "
W. C. Franklin,..... "
Isham Cole,.....Montezuma, "
T. B. Garland,.....Bakersville, "
P. A. Jones,.....Brunitt, "
W. H. Mason,.....Black Mt., "
E. Stroud,.....Marion, "
J. W. Arnold,.....Solitude, "

(This is as complete a list as I could get. Let P. E's. arrange a complete list by next Conference. Secretary.)

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

CASH ON HAND.

From Conference Collections	$ 30
" Chartered Fund	22
" Book Concern Dividend	217
" Last Year	3
Total	$272

PAID OUT;

D. N. Franklin	$ 35
Bessie Franklin	5
Mrs. T. W. Matney	50
W. G. Matton	30
Mrs. J. H. Rominger	10
Mrs. A. H. Peeples	30
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	20
L. J. Fenley	70
R. M. Witt's Children	15
Total	$265
Balance on hand	$7

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Clyde District	$200
Culberson	65
Columbus	50
Elf	65
Highlands	75
Irvin	50
Asheville	65
Dana	50
Pisgah	30
Sylva	70
Unaka	60
Total	$780
Statesville District	$ 200
Kings Mountain	70
Golden and Shelby	90
Yadkin and Pilot	35
Zion	40
Harmony	35
Gladstone	50
Daisy	20
Greensboro	125

Huntersville	60	
New Salem	60	
Lexington	75	
Troy	100	
Chandler	40	
Albemarle	80	
Alamance	50	
Roseland	80	
Total		$1 210
Montezuma District	$200	
Burnsville	60	
Boone	55	
Bakersville	55	
Creston	60	
Caldwell	40	
Montezuma	75	
Toe River	40	
Traphill	50	
Wilksboro	50	
Marion	50	
Total		$735

A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

I concur, C. H. FOWLER.

Statistics No. 1, Blue Ridge Conference, 1899.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	Number of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	No. of Ch'rches	Probable Value	Number of Porsomages.	Prob'ble Value	Paid for b'ld'g and imp'v'ng Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Pr'p'y.	Present indebtedness on Church Pr'p'y.
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT:																
Burnsville,	2	130	.....	1	1	5	3	12	50	1	800	1	200			
Bakersville,	10	300	2	3	.....	15	5	20	200	5	3 000	1	150			
Boone,	4	134	1	1	.....	13	5	24	175	5	2 500			250		
Montezuma,	20	235	3	1	10	7	5	30	275	3	1 500			75		
Marion,	18	236	2	2	1	.....	3	15	180	4	2 500			25		
Creston,	55	318	4	.....	4	20	5	25	225	7	2 000					
Jefferson,	49	377	6	5	.....	16	5	22	316	7	5 000	1	400	750		
Columbus,	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	60	1	2 500			2 500		
Asheville Circuit,	4	179	.....	1	.....	.....	4	18	140	4	2 500	1	300	11		125
Total,	162	1929	18	14	16	76	36	173	1 621	37	22 300	4	1 050	3 611	.....	125
STATESVILLE DISTRICT:																
King's Mountain,	20	120	1	1	12	12	2	12	90	7	2 000	1	250	.....	.....	.....
Blue Ridge,	4	26	1	.....	.....	1	1	6	35	1	400	.....	.....	400	.....	.....
Yadkinville,	16	318	4	5	3	4	5	36	327	6	1 600	1	200	100	10	.....
Wilkesboro,	4	183	2	.....	.....	4	3	12	125	3	1 600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harmony,	19	350	1	.....	.....	1	5	40	350	5	3 050	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Zion,	7	397	3	7	7	7	7	56	400	8	3 500	.....	.....	500	.....	.....
Caldwell Mission,	6	120	1	1	5	7	2	12	60	4	625	1	50	25	.....	.....
Traphill,	41	407	5	3	.....	42	5	25	250	5	2 050	1	300	50	.....	.....
Golden and Shelby,	35	229	.....	.....	2	19	4	27	350	5	2 180	.....	.....	480	.....	16
Total,	152	2150	18	17	29	97	34	220	2 527	44	22 630	4	800	1 605	10	16
GLADSTONE DISTRICT:																
Hunterville,	8	144	.....	1	20	.....	4	24	150	4	2 000	.....	.....	75	.....	.....
Daisy,	29	240	2	6	.....	3	5	35	299	6	4 775	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
Chandlers,	36	238	3	4	4	11	6	36	380	5	2 225	1	100	300	.....	.....
Troy,	11	103	1	1	.....	6	4	20	85	3	850	1	150	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone,	12	191	3	5	3	2	4	12	125	5	3 000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro,	3	31	.....	.....	.....	2	1	5	24	1	1 000	.....	.....	.....	46	.....
New Salem,	2	147	1	.....	.....	2	1	8	60	3	1 200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lexington,	.....	75	1	2	.....	9	1	10	40	2	1 200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	101	1175	11	19	27	35	26	150	1 163	29	16 250	2	250	375	46	200

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	Number of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value	Paid for b'ld'g and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Pr'py.	Present indebtedness on Church Pr'py.
CLYDE DISTRICT:																
Irvin,	15	286	2	2	4	2	2	8	80	5	2000	1	300	40	2	
Culberson,	11	137		2	.....	.....	3	15	150	2	1000	1	250			
Elf,	5	78	1	4	4	2	2	6	50	3	1000	1	300			
Sylva,	20	70	2	1	.....	.....	1	5	30	2	1200					125
Pisgah,	25	282	2	1	.....	8	4	38	300	4	2500	1	300	25		85
Leicester,	19	261	1	2	3	8	3	21	253	5	2500	1	400			
Unaka,	9	132	3	.....	.....	7	2	8	75	4	2000	1	225	35		128
Clyde,	60	380	2	3	6	12	6	40	290	6	5000	1	350	25		
Dellwood,	10	63	1	1	.....	.....				1	500	1	150	300		
Highlands,	3	14	.....	.....	3	2	1	2	30	1	800			5		360
Total,	177	1703	14	16	20	67	24	143	1258	33	18500	8	2275	430	2	638
RECAPITULATION:																
Asheville District,	162	1929	18	14	16	76	36	173	1621	37	22300	4	1050	3607		125
Clyde District,	177	1703	14	16	20	37	24	143	1258	33	18500	8	2275	430	2	638
Gladstone District,	101	1175	11	19	27	35	26	150	1163	20	16250	2	250	375	46	200
Statesville District,	152	2150	18	17	29	97	34	220	2527	44	22630	4	800	1605	10	16
Total,	592	6957	61	66	92	245	120	686	6569	143	79680	18	4375	2777	58	979
Last year,	631	6631	58	72	81	204	111	637	5567	149	68475	19	4000	5327	47	685
Increase,		326	3		11	41	9	49	1002		11205		375		11	294
Decrease,	39			6						6		1		2550		

Statistics No. 3. Blue Ridge Conference, 1899.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support.							Prs'd Elders.		Bishops			Conf. Claims From			Current Expenses.	
		Claims			Receipts.													
		Salary.	House Rct.	Total.	Salary.	House Re't	Total.	Deficiencies.	Amount Appropriated	Am't Paid.	Amount Appropriated	Amount Paid.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.	Collect'ns	Other Sources.	Total	Church Sexton, light, Fuel etc.	S. Schools; Less'n Le'ves Books, etc.
GLADSTONE DISTRICT:																		
Chandler,	W. T. Owens ..	200	12	212	150	12	162	38	25	15	1	1	178	.....			.....	10
Gladstone,	W. C. Haltom..	150	.....	150	120	.....	120	30	25	25	1	1	143	.....			.....	.....
Daisy,	E. Anderson ..	240	12	252	175	12	187	53	25	21	.....	1	209	.....			20	60
Greensboro,	J. H. Hopkins..	21	.....	21	40	.....	40	.....	5	5	.....	.....	45	.....			2	4
Huntersville,	J. L. Dennis ...	167	15	182	144	.....	144	38	20	20	1	1	165	1			5	20
Lexington,	N. M. Cooper....	50	.....	50	50	.....	50	.....	8	5	.....	.....	55	.....			2	.....
New Salem,	J. N. S. Doub ..	100	.....	100	60	.....	60	40	15	5	.....	.....	65	.....			5	5
Troy,	W. S. Moore ...	90	.....	90	60	.....	60	30	15	10	.....	.....	70	1			.....	3
Total		1018	39	1057	799	24	823	229	158	104	3	3	930	2			34	102
CLYDE DISTRICT:																		
Clyde,	W. C. Matney..	380	50	430	298	50	348	82	35	47	1	1	396	3		3	45	40
Culbertson,	W. A. Ballew...	155	25	180	80	25	105	75	30	30	1		135			1		
Dellwood,	E. H. Reynold	130			34		34	96	16	16	1	1	51	1				
Elf	Alex Traylor...	75		75	33		33	42	20	15	1		48					2
Highlands,	G. W. Matney..	25		25	10		10	15	5	3	1		13				5	5
Highlands Circuit,	M. A. West.....																	
Irvin,	D. A. Lanier ...	300	34	334	170	34	204	130	32	32	1	1	237	1		1		
Leicester,	C. C. Morris....	300	25	325	205	25	230	95	30	30	1	1	261		1	1	20	25
Pisgah,	J. B. Tucker....	200	40	240	161	40	201	39	24	24	1	1	226	1		1	15	29
Sylva,	W. J. Evans....	100		100	50		50	50	20	18	1	1	69			1	2	3
Unaka,	D.M.Matheson	120		120	80		80	40	22	22	1		102	1	1	1	3	
Total		1785	174	1829	1121	174	1295	664	234	237	9	6	1538	7	2	9	90	104

Statistics No. 3. Blue Ridge Conference, 1899.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiencies.	Pres'd Elders. Amount Apportioned	Pres'd Elders. Amt't Paid.	Bishops. Amount Apportioned	Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total Support Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.	Cont. Claims From. Collections	Cont. Claims From. Other Sources.	Current Expenses. Total	Current Expenses. Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Current Expenses. S. Schools; Lord's Day Books, etc.
ASHVILLE DISTRICT,	C. W. Smith	200	24	224	161	24	185	12	25	12			210			10		10
Asheville Circuit	T. D. Rowe	200		200	60		60	140	26	15	1	1	76					
Bakersville,	L. W. Corbet	125		125	55		55	70	20	15			70					
Boone,	W. R. West	100	12	112	90	12	102	10					102					9
Burnsville	A. S. Beman	40		40	40		40						40					
Columbus,	W. A. Patton	150		150	68		68	82	20	17			85					
Creston,	D. M. Graybeal	300	30	330	162	30	192	138	40	30	2	2	224	1				5
Jefferson,	C. F. Castephens	200		200	122		122	78	25	12	1	1	146	1		12		12
Marion,	J. M. Heath	250		250	155		155	95	25	20	1	1	176					
Montezuma,	Total	1565	66	1631	916	66	982	625	182	141	5	6	1129	2		22		36
Total																		
STATESVILLE DISTRICT;	J. L. Bumgarner	25		25	15		15	10	2	2			17			1		
Blue Ridge	R. Weborn	80		80	67		67	13	10	9			76	1		1		
Caldwell	A. L. Johnson	130		130	153		153		25	20	1	1	174	1		1		
Golden and Shelby	D. S. George	190		190	90		90	100	25	25	1	1	111	3		3	5	25
Harmony	F. A. L. Clark	200	50	250	147	50	197	53	25	16	1	1	214	1		1	10	8
Kings Mountain and Clifton	J. C. Richardson	180		180	92		92	88	20	16			108	2		2		
Trap Hill	J. J. Rhyne	120		120	60		60	60	15	12	1	1	73	2		2		
Wilksboro	J. L. Stephenson	200	25	225	156	25	181	44	20	15	2	1	197	2		2	20	33
Yadkin and Pilot	C. M. Warden	185	25	210	110	25	165	45	25	16	1	1	182	1		1	5	10
Zion																		
Total	Total	1310	100	1410	920	100	1020	413	167	129	7	6	1155	13		13	41	106
RECAPITULATION:																		
Asheville District		1565	66	1631	916	66	982	625	182	141	5	6	1120	2		2	22	36
Clyde District		1785	174	1829	1121	174	1295	664	231	237	9	6	1538	7	2	9	90	104
Gladstone District		1018	39	1057	799	24	823	229	138	104	3	3	930	2		2	34	102
Statesville District		1310	100	1410	920	100	1020	413	167	129	7	6	1155	13		13	41	106
Grand Total		5678	379	5927	3756	364	4120	1931	721	611	24	21	4752	24	2	26	187	348

Treasurer's Report, Blue Ridge Conference, 1899.

DISTRICTS.	Missionary Society.		Church Extension.		Sunday-School Union.		Tract Society.		Freedmen's Aid & Southern Ed. Society.		Education. (a) Public Educational Collection.		Education. (b) Children's Fund.		American Bible Society.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.		Woman's Home Missionary Society.		General Conference Expenses.		Conference Claimants.		Episcopal Fund.	RECAPITULAT'N		
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	T'l. Cash.	Total Voucher.	T'l. Cash & Vchrs.
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT																												
Bakersville,	2		1						1		1		1													6		6
Boone,	2		1		1						1								1							6		6
Columbus,	3																									3	5	8
Creston,	8		1						1		1		5													14		14
Jefferson,	18		4		1						1						1		2							14		14
Marion,	10		3		1		1		5		1		9		1				1		2		1		2	32	14	46
Montezuma,	8		2						1								1		1		1		1		1	25		25
Burnsville	2																6		2		2		1		1	21		21
Asheville Circuit	7	70	2		1		1		1		1		1		1											3		3
Total,..	60	70	14		4		2		9		5		5		2		1		1		1		1			15		15
																										125	19	144
GLADSTONE DISTRICT;																												
Chandlers,	5		4										3		2										1	12	3	15
Gladstone,	11		4						2				3													20		20
Daisy,	9	33	1								6		1				12								1	12	51	63
Greensboro,	4		2																							6		6
Huntersville		15	3		1		1		1				1								1		1		1	10	15	25
Lexington	3		1																							4		4
New Salem,	3		1						1																	5		5
Troy,	5		1						1		1												1			9		9
Total	40	48	17		1		1		5		6		6		3		2		12				1		2	3	78	69	147
RECAPITULATION:																												
Statesville District	26	51	10	29	5	2	4		5		5		17				15		18		1		1		3	11	14	5	117	101	218
Asheville District	60		14		4		2		9		6		5		14		2		8		2		2		5	5	3	4	125	19	144
Gladstone District	40	48	17		1		1		5				6		3		2		12							1	2	3	78	69	147
Clyde District	58		17		2		1		11				14		4		4		5		1				3	10	11	7	139	10	149
This year	184	99	58	29	12	3	8		30		11		42		21		23		43		4		3		11	27	30	19	459	199	658
Last year	181	17	65		12		8		21				24				10		9		2		4		10	2	26	13	379	26	406

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DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARIES.
1879 Jan	Greensboro	Bishop Peck	E. O. Thayer

CHANGED TO

Blue Ridge Conference.

1880 Jan 28 Feb 1	Concord	Bishop Simpson	W. G. Matton
1881 " 20-24	Leicester	" Warren	"
1882 " 19-23	Asheville	" Foster	"
1883 " 24-29	Gastonia	" Merrill	"
1894 Jan. 30 Feb. 4	Asheville	" Bowman	J. D. Roberson
1885 Feb 12-16	Clyde	" Andrews	J. D. Roberson
1885 Oct 1-5	Gastonia	" Mallalieu	W. T. Ford
1886 " 7-11	Smith'sChapel	" Walden	"
1887 " 19-23	Asheville	" Mallalieu	W.Q.A.Graham
1888 " 18-22	Clyde	" Fitz Gerald	"
1880 " 17-21	Asheville	" Joyce	J. D. Roberson
1899 " 16-50	Clyde	"	"
1891 " 21-25	Asheville	Warren	A. Graybeal
1892 " 13-16	Poindexter	" Foss	A. H. Gamble
1893 " 12-16	Daisy	" Hurst	W.Q.A.Graham
1894 Sep27 Oct 1	Smith's Chapel	" Foster	"
1895 Oct 9-14	Clyde	" Mallalieu	A. Graybeal
1896 Sept 24-27	Asheville	" "	"
1897 Oct 11-17	Walkertown	" Andrews	"
1898 " 20-54	Marion	" Goodsell	"
1899 " 19-22	Seward	" Fowler	"
1900 " 4-7	Clyde	" Cranston	"

OUR DEAD.

Name.	Died.	Admitted.	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Barker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1880	From N. C. Conference.
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference.
William Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1880	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference.
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1896		
A. H. Peeples	1897	1885	On trial
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be:
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

—Mrs. Makay.

CONFERENCE ROLL. 1900.

NAME	ORDER	POSTOFFICE	WHEN ADMITTED
Beaman, A. S.	Elder	Clyde	1895
Burnett, J. S.	Elder	Chattanooga	1888
Casstevans, C. F.	Elder	Old Fort	1890
Clark, F. A. L.	Elder	Golden	1884
Cooper, N. M.	Elder	Greensboro	1884
Corbett, L. W.	Deacon	Plateau	1896
Dennis, J. L.	Elder	Glass	1891
Doub, J. N. S.	Deacon	New Salem	1895
Evans, W. J.	Elder	Delwood	1888
Gillespie, J. H.	Elder	Blaine	1885
Graybeal, A.	Elder	Montezuma	1882
Heath, J. M.	Elder	Lansing	1892
Haltom, W. C.	Deacon	Gladstone	1898
Matney, J. F.	Elder	Acton	1888
Matney, W. C.	Elder	Leicester	1889
Stephenson, J. L.	Elder	Clyde	1899
Rhyne, J. J.	Elder	Eupeptic Springs	1887
Richardson, D. S.	Deacon	Settle	1883
Richardson, J. C.	Deacon	Traphill	1896
Rominger, L. A.	Elder	Unaka	1886
Patton, W. A.	Deacon	Lansing	1898
Penley, L. J.	Elder	Riceville	1888
Huddlestone	Deacon	Bakersville	1899
Smith C.W.	Elder	Seward	1885
Huddlestone	Deacon	Bakersville	1899
Smith, C. W.	Elder	Riceville	1885
Tucker, J. B.	Elder	Culberson	1895
West, W. R.	Deacon	Sylva	1890
Warden, C. M.	Deacon	Martin	1895
Winkler, E. J.	Elder	Wilkesboro	1888
Johnson, A. J.	Elder	Buck Shoal	1885
Verner, H.	Elder	Settle	1888
Broyles, M. W.	Elder	Athlone	1889
	PROBATIONERS.		
Harris, W. K.	Licentiate	Chattanooga	1898
Johnson, A. L.	Deacon	Bessemer City	1895
	SUPERNUMERARY.		
Ballew, W. A.	Elder	Vest	1885

Graybeal, D. M	Deacon	Graybeal	1897
Moore, W. S	Deacon	Troy	1897
Christenberry, H. D	Elder	Troy	1884
Matherson, D. N	Elder	Unaka	1888
Patterson, J. H	Elder	Poindexter	1887
Earnheardt, S. A			
Nash, L. C	Deacon	Troy	1893

SUPERANNUATES.

Matton, W. G	Elder	High Point	1880
Franklin, D. N	Elder	Sylva	1885
Rawlings, Wm	Elder		1889
Lanier, D. A	Elder	Catawba	1890

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

1900.

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT—Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D.
SECRETARY—A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY—A. L. Johnson.
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ASSISTANT STATISTICAL SECRETARY—C. M. Warden,
TREASURER—W. A. Patton.
ASSISTANT TREASURER—C. W. Smith.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS.

A. Graybeal, President; W. C. Matney, Registrar.
For Admission—W. C. Matney, J. H. Gillespie.
First Year—J. M. Heath, A. Graybeal.
Second Year—C. W. Smith, W. C. Halton.
Third Year—A. J. Johnson, J. F. Matney.
Fourth Year—A. S. Beaman, J. L. Dennis.
For Orders—First named on above committees.

The following rules were adopted by the committee:

1st. All examinations must be the day before the next annual Conference.

2nd. All examinations must be in writing.

3rd. First named on the committee is chairman for that year.

4th. All questions must be in the hands of the chairman August 1, 1901.

To preach annual Missionary Sermon, A. J. Johnson; J. M. Heath, alternate.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President, W. J. Evans, Delwood, N. C.; Vice-President, J. F. Matney; Secretary, A. S. Beaman, Clyde, N. C. Additional Members—C. W. Smith, J. L. Stephenson, H. C. Shook.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? None.

2. Who have been readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial? None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year: William K. Harris. (b) In Studies of Second Year: T. D. Rowe, W. T. Owen, A. L. Johnson. (c) In Studies of Third Year: M. A. West. (d) In Studies of Fourth Year: None.

6. Who have been Discontinued? J. W. Edwards.

7. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and ordained Deacons Previously: W. A. Patton.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted to Full Membership this Year: W. A. Patton. (b) Admitted to Full Membership Previously: J. C. Richardson, C. M. Warden, J. N. S. Doub, G. W. Motney, W. C. Halton, W. S. Moore, D. M. Graybeal.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? D. S. Richardson, L. C. Nash, W. R. West, L. W. Corbett, L. R. Huddlestone.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this Year: J. J. Rhyne.

13. Was the character of each Preacher Examined? This was attended to in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? C. C. Morris, to Gulf Mission Conference· J. R. Cannon, to Wilmington; E. H. Reynolds, Oklahoma; A. C. Forscht, to———

15. Who have Died? Edwin Anderson.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? A. Traylor, W. B. Beaman, J. H. Hopkins, D. S. George.

17. Who have been Located? E. G. Nelson.

18. Who have Withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

20. Who have been Expelled? None.

21. What other Personal Notation should be Made? The credentials of F. M. Presley were restored, upon recommendation of the Clyde District Conference.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? W. A. Ballew, D. M. Graybeal, William S. Moore, H. D. Christenberry, D. M. Matherson, J. H. Patterson, S. A.

Earnheardt, L, C. Nash.

22. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? William Rawlings, D. A. Lanier, W. G. Matton, D. N. Franklin.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. J. Evans, E. J, Winkler, W. C. Matney, F. A. L, Clark, L. A. Rominger, C. W, Smith, C. M. Warden.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? See Treasurer's report.

27, What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? See Treasurer's report.

29. What has been Received on these Claims, and How has it been Applied? See Treasurer's report,

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See List of Appointments.

20. Where shall the next Conference be Held? Montezuma, N. C.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

A. S. Beaman, P. E., Clyde, N. C.

Asheville	L. J. Penley
Clyde	J. L. Stevenson
Columbus	Prof. Reynolds
Culberson	J. B. Tucker
Bakersville	L. R. Huddlestone and T. B. Garland
Burnsville	M. W. Broyles
Dellwood	W. J. Evans
Highlands	G. W. Matney
Irvin	M. A. West
Leicester	W. C. Matney
Marion	C. F. Casstevens
Montezuma	A. Graybeal
Pisgah	J. F. Matney
Sylva	W. R. West
Unaka	L. A. Rominger

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

A. J. Johnson, P. E., Buckshoal, N. C.

Alamance	N. M. Cooper
Boone	E. J. Winkler
Caldwell	L. W. Corbett
Chandler	W. T. Owen
Creston	W. A. Patton
Daisy and Greensboro	C. W. Smith
Gladstone	W. C. Halton
Golden and Shelby	F. A. L. Clark
Harmony	D. S. Richardson
Huntersville	J. L. Dennis
Jefferson	J. M. Heath
Kings Mountain and Clifton	A. L. Johnson
New Salem	J. N. S. Doub
Statesville Mission	Hardy Verner
Traphill	J. C. Richardson
Troy	J. H. Gillespie
Wilkesboro	J. J. Rhyne
Yadkin and Pilot	To be Supplied
Zion	C. M. Warden

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

OPENING.—The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Louisa Chapel, Clyde, N. C., Thursday morning October 4th, 1900, at 9 o'clock, with Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D. presiding.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—The Bishop read the 17th chapter of St. John's Gospel, and the Conference was led in prayer by a number of the brethren. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop assisted by the presiding elders.

ROLL CALL.—The roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary of last session, and the following members and probationers answered to their names: J. L. Dennis, W. J. Evans, L. W. Corbett, J. H. Gillespie, A. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, W. C. Halton, A. S. Beaman, A. J. Johnson, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, D. M. Matherson, J. L. Stephenson, J. J. Rhyne, J. B. Tucker, C. M. Warden, L. A. Rominger, H. D. Christenberry, C. W. Smith, L. R. Huddlestone, A. L. Johnson, W. A. Patton, W. T. Owen, L. J. Penley, M. W. Broyles.

DECEASED—Edwin Anderson was returned as having died during the year.

SECRETARIES.—On motion A. Graybeal was elected Secretary, with power to name his assistant.

The Secretary nominated, and the Conference elected A. L. Johnson Assistant Secretary.

On motion A. S. Beaman was elected Statistical Secretary, and C. M. Warden Assistant.

W. A. Patton and C. W. Smith were, upon nomination, elected Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

MEETING AND ADJOURNING.—On resolution of J. F. Matney, 9 a. m., was fixed as the time for opening the Conference and 12 m., for adjourning, first half hour to be devoted to prayer service.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—A committee consisting of J. F. Matney, A. J. Johnson and A. Graybeal made nominations for the standing committees. On motion they were adopted and the following committees were appointed.

1. Public Worship.—Presiding Elder of Clyde District and Pastor of Clyde District.

2. Benevolences.—W. C. Halton, J. M. Heath, J. L. Stephenson, J. H. Gillespie.

Educational Institutions in Our Conference.—A. J. Johnson, C. W. Smith and L. R. Huddlestone.

4 Reforms.—D. M. Matherson, J. L. Dennis, C. F. Casstevens.

5. Young Peoples Work.—A. L. Johnson, L. J. Penley and J. E. Richardson, J. B. Tucker.

6. Auditing.—W. T. Owen, W. A. Patton, L. A. Rominger.

7. Periodicals and Publishing Interests.—A. L. Johnson, A. Graybeal, W. C. Matney and D. A. Lanier.

8. Conference Stewards.—W. J. Evans, J. M. Heath and C. M. Warden.

9. Memoirs.—A. Graybeal, L. R. Huddlestone and W. R. West.

10. Twentieth Century movement.—J. F. Matney, J. L. Stephenson and A. S. Beaman.

11. State of the Church.—W. C. Matney, E. J. Winkler and L. W. Corbett.

CONFERENCE BAR.—The bar of the Conference was fixed on a line across the room from the third window from the front.

The Secretary made a motion that the plan of last year be adopted for raising funds for the publication of the Conference Journal, and that the Presiding Elders constitute the committee on publication. A. J. Johnson moved to amend by making the Secretaries the committee. The motion as amended was carried.

Clyde District was called. J. F. Matney, the Presiding Elder, reported his district. His character passed, and also that of the following effective Elders: C. W. Smith, W. C. Matney, A. S. Beaman, J. L. Stephenson, L. A. Rominger, J. B. Tucker, W. J. Evans, D. M. Matherson, D. A. Lanier.

Montezuma District being called, the character of the following effective Elders passed: J. H. Heath. C. F. Casstevens, A. Graybeal.

Stastesville District being called, A. J. Johnson, reported his District; his character passed, and also that of the following effective Elders: N. M. Cooper, D. S George, J. L. Dennis, F. A. L. Clark, H. D. Christenberry, J. H. Patterson, E. J. Winkler, J. H. Gillespie.

C. M. Warden was appointed to canvass subscriptions for the———

L. A. Rominger was appointed to take subscriptions for The Gospel in All Lands.

Announcements were made, when the Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m., with Bishop Cranston in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Heath.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

DRAFTS.—The Bishop announced the amount of $187 dividend of the Book Concern, and $22 from the Chartered Fund and drafts were ordered for the same.

The Secretary read the report of the Book Concern, by request of the Bishop.

D. A. Lanier was added to the Committee on Periodicals and Publishing interests, and J. B. Tucker was added to the committee on Young People's Work.

The committee on Conference Relations was appointed as follows? J. M. Heath, A. S. Beaman, J. L. Dennis, C. F. Casstevans and W. C. Matney.

QUESTION 22. Who are the Supernumerary Members? was taken up.

J. R. Cannon was transferred to the Wilmington Conference, and, on motion, it was ordered that he be notified that he must make satisfactory arrangements for his indebtedness to the Conference Relief Fund within six months, or charges would be preferred against him. M. W. Broyles was placed on the effective list. E. H. Reynolds was transferred to the Oklahoma Conference. William Rawlings was placed on the superannuate list. W. B. Beaman was located, at his own request. D. M. Graybeal was referred to the committee on Conference Relations. A. Traylor was located, at his own request. G. W. Matney was placed on the effective list. L. C. Nash was requested to locate.

A committee, consisting of W. C. Matney, J. M. Heath and C. M. Warden, was appointed to formulate charges against E. G. Nelson for neglect of duty, and for not answering the notice sent him last year that he was requested to locate.

W. S. Moore was referred to the committee on Conference Relations. W. A. Ballew was continued in his present relation. H. Verner was made effective.

INTRODUCTIONS. Mrs. Dale, of the W. H. M. S., and Mrs. Chapman, of Ritter Home, were introduced to the Conference.

QUESTION 9. What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year? was taken up. The following were continued in the studies of the fourth year: D. S. Richardson, L. C. Nash, W. R. West, E. G. Nelson, L. W. Corbett, L. R. Huddlestone. J. J. Rhyne was excused from the remainder of the course of study and elected to elder's orders.

QUESTION 8, What members are in the in studies of the third year, was taken up. J. C. Richardson, J. N. S. Doub and W. C. Halton were continued in the studies of the third year. L. R. Huddlestone was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

QUESTION 5, Who have been continued on trial, was taken up. W. K. Harris was continued in the studies of the first year. T. D. Rowe was continued in the studies of the second year. W. A. Patton and A. L. Johnson were called, but action in their cases was deferred until tomorrow morning.

QUESTION 30, Where shall the next annual Conference be held, was called. On motion of A. Graybeal, Montezuma was chosen.

Rev. F. L. Townsend, a presiding elder in the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion, it was ordered that $50 of the Conference Relief Fund may be appropriated by the stewards for the benefit of the Conference claimants.

On motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of A. S. Beaman, A. J. Johnson and E. J. Winkler, to investigate the whole matter of the Conference Relief Fund and report tomorrow morning.

After the announcements were made, the Conference adjourned, with benediction by Rev. Dr. Townsend.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, and the devotions were conducted by D. M. Matherson.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

QUESTION 5 was resumed. W. T. Owen was continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year. J. W. Edwards was discontinued. A. L. Johnson was continued on trial in studies of second year,

QUESTION 6 was taken up. D. M. Graybeal was continued in the supernumerary relation, with the understanding that he take a certificate of location at next session if he does not take work. J. H. Hopkins was located, and on motion the presiding elder was requested to present the certificate to him, and if he refuses to receive it, he (the P. E.) shall prefer charges against him for neglect of duty. G. W. Matney was continued in the studies of the third year, and the presiding elder was asked to notify him that he cannot continue longer than this year in the studies of the third year. W S. Moore was placed on the effective list. W. A. Patton having passed in the studies of the second year, and being represented by his presiding elder, reported his work and was admitted to full membership and placed in the studies of the third year.

The committee in the case of E. G. Nelson reported. Notice having been served on him during the year of the action of the Conference (that he was requested to locate) and having no word from him, the committee recommended that charges be preferred against him for neglect of duty and failing to answer the notice of the Conference. The charge was entertained. C. W. Smith

was appointed to represent Bro. Nelson and D. M. Matherson as counsel for the church. On motion the charges and specifications were sustained, and E. G. Nelson was located.

Dr. G. E. Ackerman, of the School of Theology, U.S. Grant University, was introduced, and thrilled the Conference by his address on the work of the theological department and the possibilities for our ministers to receive instruction.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Ackerman.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met according to appointment at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes were read and approved.

M. A. West was continued on trial in the third year.

QUESTION 14. J. R. Cannon was transferred to the Wilmington Conference; C. C. Morris to the Gulf Mission Conference; E. H. Reynolds to the Oklahoma Conference; A. C. Forscht to the ———Conference.

QUESTION 21. Upon recommendation of the Clyde District Conference, F. M. Pressley's orders were restored.

Committee on Conference Relations reported.

S. A. Earnhardt was placed on the supernumerary list.

D. A. Lanier was placed on the superannuate list, and recommended that the stewards appropriate $20 from the Relief Fund.

D. S. George was granted a location, at his own request.

H. D. Christenberry was granted a supernumerary relation.

W. G. Matton and D. N. Franklin were continued on the superannuate list.

L. J. Penley was made effective.

The Treasurer reported. Adopted.

The collection for Public Education was ordered to be paid to Aaron Seminary.

Conference stewards reported. See report.

Treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund reported through J. F. Matney. See report.

Committee on Constitution for Relief Fund reported, See report.

Special committee on Conference Relief Fund appointed last session reported.

Twentieth Century Movement committee reported.

The following trustees of the Conference Relief Fund reported: W. C. Matney, president; J. M. Heath, vice-president; A. S. Beaman, secretary; C. B. Moore, treasurer; C. W. Smith, J. H. Gillespie, N. M. Cooper,

Memorial service was appointed for 2:30 Sunday.

Statistical Secretary reported.

Committee on Young People's Work reported, also on Periodicals, Reforms, State of the Church, Conference Educational Institutions and Auditing.

A committee on an Industrial Home was appointed, as follows: A. J. Johnson, A. S. Beaman, J. M. Heath, W. C. Halton, A. Graybeal.

A. Graybeal and J. F. Matney were appointed visitors to Grant University.

A resolution of thanks to Dr. Ackerman for his visit and addresses was adopted.

J. H. Patterson was placed on the supernumerary list.

A resolution of thanks to Bishop Cranston was adopted.

A resolution of thanks to the citizens for hospitality was adopted.

S. A. Earnhardt was asked to locate.

Conference adjourned by benediction.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference met Sunday night for its final session.

A. J. Johnson and the Bishop lectured on the 20th century movement, after which the Conference appointments were read and the Conference adjourned sine die.

I certify that the foregoing is the official journal of the Blue Ridge Conference.

A. GRAYBEAL, Seeretary.

RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

The Blue Ridge Conference mourns the loss of one of its members during the year. It mourns for itself; it glories in him, because his life was a success and his death a triumph. Rev. Edwin Anderson was born in the State of New York, January 4, 1844, and died April 8, 1900, being 56 years, 2 months and 26 days old. He was born again when he was about 23 years of age, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church. He was licensed to preach in 1876, and continued in the work, the greater part of the time in the regular pastorate, until he ceased at once to labor and to live. He joined the Blue Ridge Conference at Daisy, N. C., in 1893, and has served the following charges: Bakersville, Asheville, Montezuma and Daisy, and had served six months as presiding elder of the Montezuma district. The last quarterly meeting he held was on the Burnsville charge, one week before he died. He was almost too feeble to preach on Sunday. The following Monday he went to the Bakersville charge, where he was to have held the quarterly meeting the following Sunday, but on that Sabbath the faithful harvester death cut him down. His remains were taken to Montezuma for interment. Brother Anderson was frail in body, but vigorous in mind and spiritual energy. In the pulpit he had no superior in our Conference—logical, cutting, but his preaching was softened by kindness. But he is gone. His feet now walk the streets of gold, about which he loved to preach. His eyes now see the King in his beauty. His spirit has plumed its flight to another clime; all the sorrow is here; he is where they sorrow not; all the tears are in this world, and he is where they weep not.

The Blue Ridge Conference here records its love for this representative in heaven. The Conference assures the sorrowing family of its prayers and its unabating interest in their temporal and spiritual welfare.

A. GRAYBEAL,
LEE R. HUDDLESTONE,
W. R. WEST.
Committee.

PERIODICALS.

The committee on Periodicals submits the following report:

Whereas the time has fully come when everything should stand or fall according to its own merits; and since we, as a body and Conference, are representatives in one of the leading Christian churches of the world, we should seek all the help and all the light that it is possible for us to acquire, and then let our light so shine that others may see, with us, that we have been and are still in the great "school of Christ." More so, because we have to face the fact that the country is being flooded with trashy literature, which is of a character such as to counteract the influence of the gospel and poison the minds of the young people; and

The Book Concern is furnishing books, periodicals and papers at a reasonable price; and

Whereas the introduction of our church papers in the homes of our people will do much for each department of church work, therefore be it

Resolved, That we will endeavor to put into every home as many of our church papers as we can, and secure subscriptions for the Advocate.Journal and the Wesleyan Advocate.

Humbly submitted.

D. H. LANIER.

REFORMS.

1ST—TEMPERANCE.

Temperance, in its broader meaning, is distinctively a Christian virtue enjoined in the Holy Scriptures. It implies a subordination of all the emotions, passions and appetites to the control of reason and conscience. We do fully endorse the special advice set forth in paragraph 34 of Discipline on the subject of temperance, and further add that both pastors and presiding elders be, and are hereby earnestly admonished, to see to it that the law of the Discipline of the church be strictly enforced against any and all intemperance derogatory to Christian character.

2ND—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The great evil of Sabbath desecration is alarming. It is a well known fact that in many places in this country as well as in foreign countries the law of the Sabbath is held in such reckless disregard that the Sabbath has become a day of pleasure-

seeking by the young, and a day of business by many of riper years. These charges are not made alone against men and women of the world, but against members of the church, both young and old, who are guilty of thus robbing God of the one seventh of time which He has sanctified for himself,

3RD—DIVORCE.

It is very easily discerned, even by the casual observer, that through the imperfections of civil law and the biased weakness of the administrators of law, together with a reckless disregard for the sanctity of the marriage relation, there has been introduced into this country a divorce system which is a menace and an insult to virtue. It sets at naught the sacredness of the marriage bond, and has been the prime cause of the existence of many homes of legalized adultery.

4TH—AMUSEMENTS.

The dance, the social, the card table, the playing at games, the theater, and kindred things are not in harmony with the true spirit of the gospel, and ought not to be practiced or tolerated by any Christian community.

In view of the existence of the foregoing evils, collectively, be it resolved,

1st. That the ministry of the Blue Ridge Conference, enter a most solemn protest against any such unholy practices or customs.

2nd. That there be wise and judicious legislation and a faithful execution of law, both in Church and State against all such prevailing evils.

D. M. MATHERSON,
C. F. CASSTEVENS,
J. L. DENNIS,
Committee.

EDUCATION.

Your committtee find that there are but three educational institutions in our Conference: Gladstone, Montezuma and Columbus. Gladstone Academy, under the presidency of W. C. Halton, is doiug quite an amount of local work, and we recommend it to the patronage of that section. Montezuma, under the care of Professors Ridenhour and Craig, is doing quite a good work, and we heartily recommend it to that section of the Con-

ference. Columbus, which is called our Conference school, is doing good work, under the management of Professors A. S. Beaman and Reynolds.

Realizing that our schools at present are insufficient to meet the great demands of our people, and more especially the great need of a school for the education of our girls, both in domestic and literary training, and seeing the inability of a number of our people to educate their girls and our inability to establish such an institution, entirely of ourselves; therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference to make an appeal to the W. H. M. S. of the M. E. Church to aid us in establishing an industrial home for girls.

Resolved, That this Conference will pledge itself to do all it can to help into existence such an institution.

A. J. JOHNSON,
C. W. SMITH,
Committee.

AUDITING.

We have examined carefully all accounts, and find them all correct, with $31.25 to be returned from the Statesville District to the Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. OWEN, Chm'n.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION OF A RELIEF SOCIETY.

Whereas the Relief Fund of this Conference has grown to near or quite $1,000, therefore

Resolved, That for the purpose of caring for, increasing and administering the said fund, the members of this Conference hereby resolve themselves into an association and agree to be governed by the following constitution and such by-laws as may from time to time be adopted:

1. The society shall be called The Blue Ridge Conference Ministerial Relief Association. Its object shall be to secure, manage and administer funds for the relief of needy preachers of this Conference, their widows and orphan children.

2. Its officers shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who, by virtue of their respective offices, shall be trustees of the fund now existing or hereafter provided. These

officers and three other trustees shall be chosen by the association at its annual meeting, which meeting shall be held on the second day of each Conference session.

3. The treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and securities of the society; but the fund shall be managed and administered only as directed by the trustees; and provided that after the date of this instrument no appropriations shall be made except from the interest annually accruing and paid into the treasury. The society shall determine at its annual meeting by what means its distribution of the appropriation then made shall be effected.

4. A detailed statement of the condition of the fund shall be presented at each annual meeting, which statement shall be made up from the books of the treasurer by that officer and certified as correct by the secretary of the trustees.

5. The trustees shall provide for the regular auditing of the treasurer's accounts.

6. It shall be the duty of every preacher who expects to be a beneficiary of the fund to solicit special donations and legacies for the same, as well as to look carefully after the fifth collection, in order that the demands upon this society shall not at any time be excessive.

7. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular session of the society, and such by-laws may be adopted as may from time to time be found necessary.

E. J. WINKLER.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

J. D. Roberson	$ 549.30
A. H. Gamble	81.20
J. R. Cannon	149.16
Bethel Church	77.62
Treasurer (notes)	597.06
C. W. Smith	125.65
Total principal and interest	$1,580.08
Cash on hand	85.59
Total—notes, interest and cash	$1,665.67

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS

Cash on hand from Conference collections		$ 26.00
Chartered fund		22.00
Book Concern dividend		187.00
From the Treasurer		50.00
Last year		6.49
Paid D. A. Lanier	$ 20.00	
Rev. D. N. Franklin	50.00	
Mrs. T. W. Matney	60.00	
Rev. W. S. Matton	25.00	
Mrs. J. H. Rominger	15.00	
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	25.00	
Rosey Witt and younger brother	30.00	
Mrs. E. Anderson	60.00	
Balance on hand	6.49	
Total	$291.49	$291.49

Out of the balance on hand we have to pay expenses, the remainder to be kept over until next year.

W. J. Evans, Chm.
J. M. Heath.
C. M. Warden,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF FUND.

The condition of our Relief Fund we find to be very unsatisfactory. Many of the loans we find not properly secured. We therefore recommend that the Conference take immediate steps to collect amounts due our Relief Fund, and it be placed in one loan secured by real estate, to double the value.

A. J. Johnson.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are thankful to Almighty God for the signal blessings He has bestowed upon our labors during the past year. We are glad to know that many of our people are striving to give their children a Christian education and train them for a better life, and that our entire field of labor is on an up-grade of spiritual growth and knowledge.

We would recommend the second Sunday in December as a day of prayer for our work in the Blue Ridge Conference.

W. C. Matney, Chm'n.

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK.

Your committee on Young Peoples' Work submit the following report:

Whereas it being a very evident fact that if we expect, as a church, to succeed we must give the young people something to do; and they must be made to realize that there is work for them to do, and in order to do this, there must be organized effort; therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That we call the attention of each pastor to paragraph 349 of section 2 of our Discipline, viz: "It shall be the special duty of * * * to form Sunday schools in all our congregations where ten persons can be collected for that purpose, etc."

Resolved, 2nd. That we insist that our Sunday schools be made evergreen wherever practicable, where the young and old may have opportunities every season of the year to develop socially, morally and religiously.

Resolved, 3rd. That we further insist that pastors study closely the requirements of the Discipline in regard to the organization of Epworth League chapters; and the observance of Children Days or any societies that will drill the young people and give them work to do.

A. L. JOHNSON, Ch'm,
J. L. PENLY,
J. B. TUCKER,
Committee.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Never was the church in greater need of an outpouring of the Holy Ghost; the great mass of the people are in imminent danger; hence the first business for pastor and people is to turn to God with deep heart-searching and a turning away from the world, seeking the old-time joy of salvation. The officiary of the church should be the first to give ringing testimony of conscious present salvation.

The Commission has issued a call for one hundred thousand pledged men and women who will agree to seek to win, by personal work, at least ten persons and bring them to Christ. Blanks for enrollment can be had free of charge by addressing the Corresponding Secretary, at headquarters. As fast as the

names of volunteers are received, by return mail a copy of "Suggestions for Personal Workers" will be sent. Prayer lists should be made and the work should begin at once.

Resolved, That each preacher of the Blue Ridge Conference make an earnest effort to win at least ten souls for Christ during the year.

Resolved, That we do all we can to help raise the twenty million dollars asked for by the church.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. MATNEY.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Inasmuch as we feel and see the necessity of giving more prompt attention to the various benevolent institutions of our church, and that in order to succeed we must work more systematically, we, your committee, beg to submit the following plan, respectfully asking that the presiding elders see that the pastors promptly give heed to the same:

That during the first quarter of the next Conference year, collections taken for Church Extension, Sunday School Union and Tract Society, bearing in mind the fact that our rapidly increasing population and new territorial additions brings new opportunities and responsibilities.

And that we will take the collection for Missions during the second quarter, observing Easter Sunday as Children's Missionary Day.

The third quarter we will take the collec ion for Education and the F. A. & S. E. S., also observing Children's Day the second Sunday in June.

The last quarter we will endeavor to make up any or all deficiences which may have occurred during the year in any of the benevolent collections.

W. C. HALTON, Chm'n,
J. H. GILLESPIE,
J. L. STEVENSON,
Committee.

Statistics No. 1, Blue Ridge Conference, 1900.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools			Church Property.						
	Number of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	No. of Ch'rches	Prob'ble Value	Number of Parsonages	Prob'ble Value	Paid for b'ld'g and imp'v'ing Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Pr'p.y.	Present Indebtedness on Church Prop'y.
CLYDE DISTRICT.																
Asheville	3	131	....	1	.....	.....	3	4	130	3	2100	1	300	15	400	77
Columbus	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	40	1	2500	.....	.....	550	.....	.....
Clyde	39	450	3	9	1	7	5	40	300	6	5500	1	500	60	.....	.....
Culberson	7	140	1	2	.....	5	5	38	220	2	1000	1	275	.....	.....	.....
Dana	2	54	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	100	1	300	.....	.....	.....
Elf	5	140	1	3	5	4	2	10	150	3	1200	1	300	.....	.....	.....
Highlands	4	108	3	.....	.....	1	2	8	50	3	1200	.....	.....	30	.....	.....
Irvin	13	248	1	1	2	4	2	8	86	5	2000	1	350	50	20	.....
Leicester	27	226	1	2	.....	2	3	12	240	5	2500	1	400	.....	17	.....
Pisgah	25	280	2	.....	.....	.....	4	38	300	4	2500	1	300	100	.....	.....
Sylva	15	72	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1200	.....	.....	.....	.....	130
Unaka	10	29	2	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	5	2000	1	100	1	10	90
Total	150	1938	17	19	10	26	27	164	1516	40	23800	9	2825	807	447	297
MONTEZUMA DISTRICT.																
Bakersville	50	340	3	1	40	70	4	28	280	4	4500	1	250	.....	.....	.....
Boone	5	135	2	2	3	1	4	23	230	5	2500	.....	.....	60	.....	.....
Burnsville	.....	130	....	2	.....	.....	2	6	20	1	800	1	300	.....	.....	.....
Creston	20	300	6	4	.....	10	5	25	200	7	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caldwell	1	124	1	3	4	1	2	8	75	4	625	1	50	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	40	385	5	4	.....	6	7	25	350	7	5000	1	400	60	25	.....
Montezuma	30	280	6	2	8	27	5	32	290	4	3500	1	400	75	.....	45
Marion	36	247	1	3	10	11	3	12	188	4	2525	1	125	.....	.....	.....
Traphill	28	400	5	4	3	23	5	25	300	5	2050	1	300	.....	.....	.....
Toe River	3	25	.....	.....	1	1	1	7	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilkesboro	.....	175	2	1	2	4	3	10	100	4	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	213	2541	31	26	71	154	45	201	2096	45	24700	7	1825	195	25	45

Statistics No. 3, Blue Ridge Conference, 1900.

NAME OF CHARGE.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts, Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Prs'd. Elder Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid	Bishops Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.	Conf. Claims From Collections,	Other Sources.	Total.	Current Expenses. Church Sexton, Lights, Fuel, etc.	S. Schools, Lesn Leaves Books, etc.
CLYDE DISTRICT:																		
Asheville	C. W. Smith	200	24	224	126	24	150	74	25	17	1	1	168	1	.....	1	30	20
Columbus	A. S. Beaman	40	.....	40	40	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clyde	W. C. Matney	395	50	445	296	50	346	85	46	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cuiberson	J. L. Stevenson	150	30	180	149	30	179	1	56	28	2	1	179	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Dana	F. M. Pressley	75	.....	75	[illegible]	.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elf	L. A. Rominger	100	25	125	100	25	125	6	20	20	.....	.....	[illegible]	1	.....	1	.....	6
Highlands	M. A. West	140	10	150	101	10	111	39	25	25	1	1	137	1	.....	1	.....	18
Ivin	D. A Lanier	268	32	300	130	32	162	138	32	32	1	1	195	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Worcester	C. C. Morris	280	25	305	174	25	199	130	25	26	.....	.....	225	1	.....	1	5	10
Noah	J. B. Tucker	200	50	250	146	50	196	4	24	26	1	1	223	1	.....	1	.....	35
Nia	W. J. Evans	100	.....	100	22	.....	22	88	20	14	1	1	37	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Onaka	D. M. Matherson	80	25	105	80	25	105	.....	22	22	.....	.....	127	1	.....	1	1	1
Total		2028	271	2279	1401	271	1628	621	273	257	9	7	1878	12	.....	12	76	144
REDUPLICATION.																		
Clyde District		2028	271	2279	1401	271	1628	621	273	257	9	7	1878	12	.....	12	76	144
Montezuma District		1675	92	1667	927	115	983	694	202	115	4	5	900	18	.....	18	10	97
Statesville District		2169	227	2286	1684	167	1901	535	259	227	8	6	1823	41	.....	41	66	154
Total		5872	590	6232	4012	553	4512	1850	734	599	21	18	4601	66	.....	78	152	395
Last Year		5678	379	5927	3756	364	4120	1731	721	611	24	21	4752	24	2	26	187	348
Inerease		194	211	305	256	189	492	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	.....
Decrease		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	.....	12	3	3	151	42	2	.....	35	47

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NAME OF CHARGE.	Missionary Society.		Church Extension.		Sunday School Union.		Tract Society.		Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society.		Education.				American Bible Society.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.		Woman's Home Missionary Society.		General Conference Expenses.		Claimants.		Episcopal Fund.		Recapitulation	
											Public Educational Collection (a)		Children's Fund. (b)															
	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Vouchers Cash and Total	Vouchers Total	Cash. Total
CLYDE DISTRICT.																												
Asheville	10		1						1		1		1								1						15		15
Columbus	1																										2	1	1
Clyde	26		5		1		1		6		1		2								4		1		1		48		48
Culberson	2		1								1																6		6
Dana	1																		1								1		1
Elf	8		1												1				1								11		11
Highlands	5		3		1		1														1		1				16		16
Irvin	6		3						1								1		1								15		15
Leicester	14																										15		15
Pisgah	2		2		1																1		1		1		12		12
Sylva	2																										5		5
Tuaka	2		1																										
Total	82		17		3		2		8		5		6		1		2		4		2		13		6		153	2	151

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	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total Cash.	Total Vouchers	Vouchers Cash and
MONTEZUMA DISTRICT.																														
Bakersville	7	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	9	....	9	
Boone	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	1	....	2	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	....	6	
Burnsville	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	
Creston	7	....	1	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	1	....	2	....	..	..	..	..	1	..	12	....	12	
Caldwell	3	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	....	3	
Jefferson	18	....	4	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	..	1	..	....	..	..	2	..	1	..	30	....	30	
Montezuma	....	17	3	....	..	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	7	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	2	..	1	..	9	24	33	
Marion	8	....	3	....	1	....	1	....	4	....	1	....	1	....	1	....	1	....	1	....	..	1	1	..	1	..	25	....	25	
Traphill	15	....	5	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	1	....	..	..	1	..	..	..	24	....	24	
Toe River	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	
Wilkesboro	5	....	3	....	1	....	1	....	3	....	1	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	1	1	16	....	16	
Total	65	17	19		5		4		10		2		2	7	2		3		7			1	8	6	134	24	158	
STATESVILLE DISTRICT.																														
Alamance	2	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	....	2	
Albemarle	....	5	....	5	..	1	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	1	....	1	....	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	11	17	
Chandler	7	....	3	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	1	1	..	15	....	15	
Daisy	20	....	2	....	..	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	2	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	....	26	
Golden and Shelby	6	12	4	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	4	....	23	....	..	..	1	..	17	35	52	
Gladstone	15	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	....	20	
Greensboro	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	
Harmony	20	....	8	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	1	....	..	..	..	1	..	..	32	....	32	
Huntersville	10	....	3	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	..	....	1	....	..	..	..	1	..	..	19	....	19	
Kings Mountain and Clifton	8	....	4	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	1	....	..	..	..	1	1	..	18	....	18	
Lexington	2	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	....	2	
New Salem	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	
Troy	4	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	6	
Yadkin and Pilot	8	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	....	8	
Roseland	2	....	1	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	....	3	
Zion	10	....	5	....	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	2	....	..	....	1	....	1	....	..	..	..	..	1	..	23	....	23	
Total	114	17	32	5	6	1	3		8	1	4	....	6	....	1		2		9		23	..	1	5	5		195	48	243	
	65	17	19	....	5	....	4		10	....	2	....	2	7	2		3		7		..	1	..	8	6		134	24	158	
	82	....	17	....	3	....	....		8	....	5	1	6	....	1		2		4		..	2	..	13	6		151	2	153	

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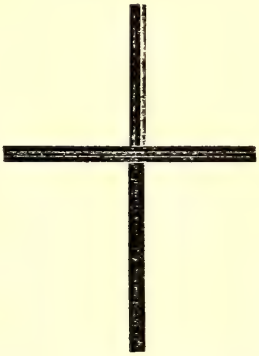
Southern Central Conference.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARIES.
1879 Jan	Greensboro	Bishop Peck	E. O. Thayer

Changed to Blue Ridge Conference.

1880 Jan 28, Feb 1	Concord	Bishop Simpson	W. G. Matton
1881 " 20-24	Leicester	" Warren	"
1882 " 19-23	Asheville	" Foster	"
1883 " 24-29	Gastonia	" Merrill	"
1894 Jan 30, Feb 4	Asheville	" Bowman	J. D. Roberson
1895 Feb 12-16	Clyde	" Andrews	J. D. Roberson
1885 Oct 1-5	Gastonia	" Mallalieu	W. T. Ford
1886 " 7-11	Smith's Chapel	" Walden	W. T. Ford
1887 " 19-23	Asheville	" Mallalieu	W. Q. A. Graham
1888 " 18-22	Clyde	" Fitz Gerald	"
1889 " 17-21	Asheville	" Joyce	J. D. Roberson
1890 " 16-20	Clyde	" Joyce	"
1891 " 21-25	Asheville	" Warren	A. Graybeal
1892 " 13-16	Poindexter	" Foss	A. H. Gamble
1893 " 12-16	Daisy	" Hurst	W. Q. A. Graham
1894 Sept 27 Oct 1	Smith's Chapel	" Foster	"
1895 Oct 9-14	Clyde	" Mallalieu	A. Graybeal
1896 Sept 24-27	Asheville	" Mallalieu	"
1897 Oct 11-17	Walkertown	" Andrews	"
1898 " 20-24	Marion	" Goodsell	"
1899 " 19-22	Seward	" Fowler	"
1900 " 4-7	Clyde	" Cranston	"
1901 " 24-27	Montezuma	" Goodsell	"

OUR DEAD.



Name.	Died	Admitted.	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1890	From Holston.
J. N. Barker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference
R. M. Witt	1800	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1880	From N. C. Conference
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference
William Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1880	From N. C. Conference
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1896	1880	From Holston.
A. H. Peeples	1897	1885	On trial.
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial.
Wr G. Matton	1901	——	From N. C, Confesence.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

Mrs. Mackay.

CONFERENCE ROLL—1901.

NAME.	Order.	Postoffice.	When Admitted
Beaman, A. S	Elder	Clyde	1895
Casstevens, C. F	Elder	Montezuma	1890
Clark, F. A. L	Elder	Henry	1884
Cooper, N. M	Elder	Greensboro	1884
Corbett, L. W	Deacon	Plateau	1896
Dennis, J. L	Elder	Glass	1891
Doub, J. N. S	Deacon	New Salem	1895
Evans, W. J	Elder	Highlands	1888
Gillespie, J. H	Elder	Blaine	1885
Graybeal, A	Elder	Montezuma	1882
Heath, J. H	Elder	Lansing	1892
Haltom, W. C	Elder	Gladstone	1898
Huddlestone, L. R	Deacon	Little Rock Creek	1899
Johnson, A. J	Elder	Buck Shoal	1885
Matney, J. F	Elder	Acton	1888
Matney, W. C	Elder	Leicester	1889
Matheson, D. M	Elder	Unaka	1888
Penley, L. J	Elder	Riceville	1888
Richardson, D. S	Deacon	Traphill	1888
Richardson, J. C,	Deacon	Harmony	1896
Fitch, W. S	Elder	Seward	1901
Patton, W. A	Deacon	Lansing	1898
Smith, C. W	Elder	Seward	1885
Tucker, J. B	Elder	Athlone	1895
Winkler, E. J	Elder	Deerfield	1888
Owen, W. T	Deacon	Buckshoal	1899
Matney, G. W	Deacon	Old Fort	——
Stephenson, J. L	Elder	Clyde	1899
Ballew, W. A	Elder	Culberson	1885
West, W. R	Deacon	Bryson City	1890
PROBATIONERS.			
Harris, W. K	Licentiate,	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1898
Johnson, A. L	Deacon	Kings Mountain	1895
Moore, J. B	Licentiate,	Miller's Creek	1901
Bumgarner, J. L. A	Licentiate,	Montezuma	1901
Williams, S. C	Licentiate,	Poindexter	1901
West, M. A	Licentiate,	Irvin	——
SUPERNUMERARY.			
Rominger, L. A	Elder		1886
Warden, C. M	Deacon	Martin	1895
Earnheart, S. A			
Christenberry, H. D	Elder	Troy	1884
Patterson, J. H	Elder	East Bend	1887
Moore, W. S	Deacon	Troy	1897
SUPERANNUATES.			
Rawlings, William	Elder	Dallas	1889
Lanier, D. A	Elder	Catawba	1890
Franklin, D. N	Elder	Sylva	1885
Rhyne, J. J	Elder	Eupeptic Springs	1887
Broyles, M. W			1889

Blue Ridge Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church.

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OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT—Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D. Chattanooga, Tenn.
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STATISTICAL SECRETARY—E. J. Winkler.
ASSISTANT STATISTICAL SECRETARY—W. C. Haltom.
TREASURER—W. J. Evans.
ASSISTANT TREASURER—J. L. Stephenson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

A. Graybeal, President; W. C. Matney, Registrar.
For Admission—W. C. Matney, J. H. Gillespie.
First Year—J. M. Heath, A. Graybeal.
Second Year—C. W. Smith, W. C. Haltom.
Third Year—A. J. Johnson, J. F. Matney.
Fourth Year—A. S. Beaman, J. L. Dennis.
For Orders—First named on above committees.
The following rules were adopted by the committee:
1st. All examinations must be the day before the next annual Conference.
2nd. All examinations must be in writing.
3rd. First named on each committee is chairman for that year. Each chairman is responsible for the work required of his committee.
4th. All questions must be in the hands of the President of the Board of Examiners one month before the next session of our annual Conference.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President, W. J. Evans, Highlands, N. C.; Vice-President, J. F. Matney; Secretary, A. S. Beaman, Clyde, N. C. Additional Members—C. W. Smith, J. L. Stephenson, H. C. Shook.

Disciplinary Questions.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? W. S. Fitch, from the Atlantic Mission Conference.

2. Who have been Readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In studies of First Year: J. V. Moore, S C. Williams, John L. A. Bumgarner; b)) In studies of Third Year? None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In studies of First Year: H. K. Harris; (b) in studies of Second Year: A. L. Johnson, M. A. West.

6. Who have been Discontinued? None.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership? (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons Previously: W. T. Owen.

8. What members are in studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into Full Membership this Year: W. T. Owen; (b) Admitted into Full Membership Previously: J. N. S. Doub, G. W. Matney, W. S. Moore.

9. What Members are in studies of Fourth Year? D. S. Richardson, W. R. West, L. W. Corbett, L. R. Huddlestone, W. A. Patton. J. C. Richardson, C. M. Warden.

10. What members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year: W. C. Haltom; (b) elected and ordained previously: None.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers: Rufus Graybeal, David F. Cole.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was attended to in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred. and to what Conference? T. D. Rowe and J. S. Burnett were transferred to the Holston Conference.

15. Who have D'ed? W. G. Matton.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? D. M. Graybeal, H. V.erner.

17. Who have been Located? L. C. Nash.

18. Who have Withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

20. Who have been Expelled? None.

21. What other personal Notation should be Made? Harrison Blankenship received on credentials from the Freewill Baptist Church.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? C. M. Warden, L. A. Rominger, S. A. Earnheardt, H. D. Christenberry, J. H. Patterson, W. S. Moore.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Wm. Rawlings, D. A. Lanier, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, M. W. Broyles.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. J. Evans, E. J. Winkler, C. W. Smith, W. C. Matney, J. H. Gillespie.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See statistical tables.

26. What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $518.00.

27. What are the claims on the Conference Fund? See Steward's report.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been Applied? See Stewards' report.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See list of Appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Seward, N. C.

Conference Appointments.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

A. S. Beaman, P. E., Clyde, N. C.

Asheville.....L. J. Penley
Clyde.....J. L. Stephenson
Columbus.....To be supplied
Culberson.....W. A. Ballew
Bakersville.....L. R. Huddlestone
Burnsville.....J. B. Tucker
Delwood & Sylva.....W. R. West
Highlands.....W. J. Evans
Irvin.....M. A. West
Leicester.....W. C. Matney
Marion.....G. W. Matney
Montezuma.....C. F. Casstevens and J. L. A Bumgarner
Pisgah.....J. F. Matney
Unaka.....D. M. Matherson

A. Graybeal, President Aaron Seminary and member of Montezuma Quarterly Conference.

W. K. Harris, left without appointment to attend school.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

C. W. Smith, P. E., Seward, N. C.

Alamance.....N. M. Cooper
Boone.....E. J. Winkler
Caldwell.....L. W. Corbett
Chandler.....W. S. Moore
Creston.....W. A. Patton
Daisy & Greensboro.....W. S. Fitch
Gladstone & Albemarle.....W. C. Haltom
Yadkin & Pilot.....S. C. Williams
Golden & Shelby.....F. A. L. Clark
Harmony.....J. C. Richardson
Huntersville.....J. L. Dennis
Jefferson.....J. M. Heath
Jefferson Mission.....(Sup)H. Blankenship
Kings Mountain & Clifton.....A. L. Johnson
New Salem.....J. N. S. Doub
Traphill.....D. S. Richardson
Troy.....J. H. Gillespie
Wilkesboro.....J. V. Moore
Zion.....W. T. Owen

A. J. Johnson, Field Agent for Conference Educational Institutions.

Journal of Daily Proceedings,

FIRST DAY.

OPENING.—The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the chapel of Aaron Academy, Montezuma, N. C., Thursday morning, October 24, 1901, at 11 a.m., with Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D., in the chair.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—The Bishop, assisted by the presiding elders, Drs. Aultman and Graham, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ROLL CALL.—The Conference roll was called by the Secretary of last session, and the following members and probationers were present: A. S. Beaman, C. F. Casstevens, L. W. Corbett, J. L. Dennis, W. J. Evans, A. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, W. C. Haltom, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, J. L. Stephenson, J. J. Rhyne, J. C. Richardson. W. A. Patton, L. J. Penley, L. R. Huddlestone, C. W. Smith, J. B. Tucker, W. R. West, C. M. Warden, E. J. Winkler, A. J. Johnson, M. W. Broyles, A. L. Johnson, W. T. Owen.

SECRETARIES.—A. Graybeal was re-elected Secretary, with A. L. Johnson as his assistant.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.—E. J. Winkler was elected Statistical Secretary, with W. C. Haltom as assistant.

TREASURERS.—W. J. Evans was elected Treasurer, and J. L. Stephenson, Assistant Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.—On motion of A. Graybeal, the Presiding Elders nominated the standing committees, and they were elected as follows:

1st. Public Worship—A. Graybeal and A. S. Beaman.

2nd. Benevolences—A. J. Johnson, A. S. Beaman, W. C. Haltom, E. J. Winkler and J. H. Gillespie.

3rd. Educational Institutions in our Bounds—A. S. Beaman, A. Graybeal, A. J. Johnson, W. C. Haltom, J. L. Stephenson, A. L. Johnson, L. J. Penley.

4th. Reforms—W. C. Matney, A. L. Huddlestone, L. J. Penley, J. B. Tucker, W. A. Patton.

5th. Periodicals and Publishing Interests—J. F. Matney. J. M. Heath, J. L. Stephenson, C. F. Casstevens, L. R. Huddlestone.

6th. Young People's Work—A. L. Johnson, C. M. Warden, C. W. Smith, J. F. Matney, W. T. Owen.

7th. Conference Stewards—J. L. Dennis, C. W. Smith, J. C. Richardson, W. R. West, C. M. Warden.

8th. Auditing—J. L. Dennis, J. N. S. Doub, W. C. Haltom.

9th. Twentieth Century Movement—E. J. Winkler, D. S. Richardson, L. J. Penley, Hardy Verner, L. R. Huddlestone.

10th. State of the Church—N. M. Cooper, L. W. Corbett, J. H. Gillespie, W. J. Evans, A. L. Johnson.

11th. Memoirs—A. J. Johnson, A. Graybeal, C. W. Smith, L. J. Penley, N. M. Cooper.

12th. C. W. Smith was appointed to collect subscriptions for "Gospel in All Lands."

On motion of A. Graybeal, the time for opening the Conference was fixed at 8:30 a. m., the first half hour to be devoted to prayer service, and adjourning at 12 m.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to $136 from the Book Concern dividend, and $22 from the Chartered Fund. On motion of W. C. Matney drafts were made payable to the Conference Treasurer.

On motion the apportionment of the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders with instruction to apportion to the charges.

QUESTION 1. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference? was called. W. S. Fitch, from Atlantic Mission Conference.

QUESTION 14, Who have been transferred, and to what Conference? was taken up. T. D. Rowe and J. S. Burnett were transferred to the Holston Conference.

QUESTION 15, Who have died? was asked. It was announced that W. G. Matton, a superannuate, had passed over the silent river, death, during the year.

QUESTION 22, Who are the supernumerary members? was taken up. On motion of A. J. Johnson they were referred to the committee on Conference Relations. The committee consisting of the Presiding Elders and W. C. Matney and C. W. Smith, were appointed.

QUESTION 23, Who are the Superannuated Preachers? was taken up. Wm. Rawlings, D. A. Lanier and D. N. Franklin were continued in that relation.

A committee on Book Concern accounts were appointed, A. Graybeal and A. J. Johnson constituting the committee, and they were instructed to confer with Dr. Aultman, the representative of the Book Concern.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Rev. M. Leslie, of the Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Aultman, representative of the Book Concerns, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion of W. C. Matney, the pastors were required to report their work in full.

Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Aultman.

SECOND DAY.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a m., with Bishop Goodsell in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. William Rawlings.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The roll of absentees was called, and on motion of A. Graybeal, further roll call was dispensed with.

The Treasurer and Statistical Secretary called the charges that had not passed in their reports.

QUESTION 9 was taken up. D. S. Richardson, L. C. Nash, L. W. Corbett were continued in the studies of the 4th year. L. R. Huddlestone was continued in the studies of the 4th year, credit being given in the books passed upon.

QUESTION 5, Who have been continued on Trial? was taken up. W. K. Harris was continued on trial in the studies of the first year. A. L. Johnson, was continued on trial in the studies of the second year. W. A. West was also continued in the second year. W. T. Owen was elected to full membership in the Conference and passed to the studies of the third year.

CONSTITUTION. On motion of A. S. Beaman, 10 o'clock tomorrow was fixed as the time for taking the vote on the New Constitution.

Rev. R. J. Cooke, D. D , editor of the Methodist Advocate Journal, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the paper and U. S. Grant University.

QUESTION 13 was taken up. A. S. Beaman, P. E. of the Clyde District, was called, his character passed and he reported the work of the District.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their work: L. J. Penley, M. W. Broyles, J. L. Stephenson, J. B. Tucker, W. J. Evans, W. C. Matney, J. F. Matney, A. Graybeal. C. F. Casstephens and L. A. Rominger were not present to report their work.

Statesville District was called and A. J. Johnson, the P. E. whose character passed, reported the work of the District. The character of all the effective elders on the district passed.

It being time to adjourn, on motion of A. Graybeal the time was extended.

Mrs. Chapman, Superintendent of Ritter Home, Athens, Tennessee, Rev. James Osborne, of the Holston Conference, Dr. Graham, Supt., of the Atlantic Mission Conference, and Dr. Petty, of the Holston Conference were introduced to the Conference.

On motion of A. Graybeal, Wm. Rawlings was added to the committee on Memoirs.

Notices were given, and the Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Petty.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference met according to appointment at 8:30 a. m. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

E. J. Winkler, F. A. L. Clark and J L. Dennis reported their collections.

QUESTION 9 resumed. J. N. F. Doub was continued in stndies of the 3d year, and W. C. Haltom advanced to the studies of the 4th year; W. A. Pat-

ton advanced to studies of 4th year.

QUESTION 16 taken up. H. Verner was located at his own request. C. M. Warden was granted the supernumerary relation. G. W. Matney was continued in the 3d year. J. C. Richardson was advanced to studies of the 4th year. C. M. Warden was advanced to 4th year. W. S. Moore was continued in 3d year.

REPORTS.—N. M. Cooper, C. M. Warden, C. W. Smith, J. M. Heath, J. C. Richardson and W. A. Patton reported their work.

BOUNDARIES.—On motion of A. J. Johnson, the Bishop appointed A. Graybeal, the Presiding Elders and J. M. Heath and W. A. Patton a commission to meet a similar commission from Holston Conference to adjust work lying near the North Carolina and Tennessee line.

QUESTION 4 was taken up. J. V. Moore, S. C. Williams and J. L. A. Bumgarner were received on trial.

REPORT. The Auditing Committee reported. See report, which was adopted.

QUESTION 13. Seward, N. C,

QUESTION 23 resumed. J. J. Rhyne was granted superannuate relation and referred to the Conference stewards.

QUESTION 21. Harrison Blankenship coming from the Free Will Baptist Church, was recognized as a local elder. with the understanding that he take the course of study prescribed for local preachers.

QUESTION 10. W. C. Haltom was elected to elders orders.

QUESTION 11. Rufus Graybeal and D. F. Cole were elected to local deacon's orders.

TRIERS OF APPEALS. W. J. Evans, E. J. Winkler, C. W. Smith, W. C. Matney, J. L. Dennis and J. H. Gillespie.

RELIEF FUND. On motion, the Conference demanded of the Trustees of the Conference Relief Fund a statement as to how the money was loaned and secured. On motion, the Secretary was ordered to notify J. R. Cannon that if he does not make satisfactory arrangements for his indebtedness to the Relief Fund that charges will be preferred against him by the Secretary. That all accounts, especially Gambles, Bethel Church, C. B. Moore's notes, and C. W. Smith's be collected at once, and be reinvested as soon as possible.

CHARTER. The Secretary was ordered to obtain a copy of the Charter of this Conference. If he finds that there is no charter, the Secretary and the Presiding Elders are appointed a committee to incorporate.

By motion a session was ordered for 2 p. m.

Dr. Aultman addressed the Conference.

NEW CONSTITUTION. On motion of A. Graybeal the vote on the new constitution was taken. The vote stood 25 for, none against.

A. Graybeal offered a resolution concerning the Wesleyan Advocate. Resolution adopted.

Committee on Conference relations reported. W. S. Moore continued in present relation. L. C. Nash located. M. W. Broyles granted Superannuate relation.

MEMOIR. A. J. Johnson was excused from committe on Memoir and Wm. Rawlings appointed to prepare a suitable memoir for Rev. W. G. Matton.

W. A. Ballew was continued in present relation.

S. A. Earnhardt, H. D. Christenberry continued in present relation. J. H. Patterson granted supernumerary relation. D. M. Matherson made effective. D. M. Graybeal granted a location.

Doxology sung, and benediction pronounced by William Rawlings.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to appointment at 2 p. m. with J. F. Matney in the chair.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Statistical Secretary and Conference Stewards reported. See reports, which were adopted.

By motion of J. L. Dennis, it was made the duty of the Conference Treasurer to pay off Conference claimants.

On motion of E. J. Winkler, it was ordered that the Presiding Elders be requested to see to it that the pastors have a memoranda of their members at the second quarterly meeting, and see that the records are properly kept.

By vote the Blue Ridge page of the Wesleyan Advocate is requested to continue. The Conference pledged anew its support.

The committees on Reforms and Twentieth Century reported. Reports adopted

On motion of E. J. Winkler, an Historical Committee was appointed: E. J. Winkler, chairman; A. L. Johnson, secretary; and William Rawlings, whose duty it shall be to gather facts of history about our work as a church and Conference in North Carolina.

By motion, Wm. Rawlings was asked to make a talk in memory of Rev. W. G. Matton. Further remarks were made by M. W. Broyles, J. F. Matney and A. J. Johnson.

Report of Committee on Educational Institutions in our bounds was read and adopted.

It was discovered that there were errors in the statistics on the Zion charge. The figures of last year were ordered placed in the table instead of the present report A canvas of the Conference revealed the fact that the net gain in membership during the year was 688. It was ordered that the figures of last year be taken as a basis from which to count the membership and number of churches.

ORDINATION. The Bishop ordained Rufus Graybeal and D. F. Cole as local deacons.

MINUTES.—The plan of last year was adopted for the publication of the Minutes, $1.25 being the amount required from each presiding elder and pastor. The Secretary and pastor of Montezuma Circuit were elected publishing committee

A resolution of thanks to Bishop Goodsell was read by W. C. Matney. Adopted.

Public Educational collection was ordered to go to the school at Columbus.

On motion of A. S. Beaman, it was ordered that the Educational collections during the coming year be used, within the bounds of the district collecting it, in mission schools.

Committee on Benevolences reported. Adopted.

On motion of A. J. Johnson, the Presiding Elders and the Field Agent were made a committee to map out work for the Field Agent of education.

By motion, the Field Agent was allowed to go

beyond the bounds of our Conference if necessary.

It was moved and carried that when the appointments shall have been read tomorrow, we adjourn.

SUNDAY MORNING.

After the Love Feast, W. C. Haltom was ordained Elder.

At the close of the 11 o'clock service the Bishop read the Conference appointments.

The Conference adjourned SINE DIE.

I certify that the above is the adopted journal of the Blue Ridge Conference.

Bishop D. A. GOODSELL, President.

A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

Reports and Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Blue Ridge Conference mourns the loss of another brother, beloved Rev. W. G. Matton. He was born in the city of Hereford, England, February 24, 1830; died at High Point, N. C., June 16, 1901; aged 71 years, 3 months, 22 days, Between these two dates we have the record of a good and useful life, the principle events of which we briefly state. He came to America in early life and lived in the State of New York, on Long Island. He was converted in February, 1860, and licensed as an exhorter the same year. The March following was licensed to preach. In Brooklyn and vicinity he regularly preached the Gospel until the war, when he received an appointment as a chaplain in the army. In the year 1854, on the 2nd day of March, in the city of Brooklyn, he was married to Miss Emma A. Case, who proved a noble, self-sacrificing companion for several years, and then fell asleep in death. In October, 1866, at the centennial celebration of the old John Street M. E. church he offered himself, with the writer of this memoir, for work in the South. He was accepted, and in a short time left that city for Portsmouth, Va., where the Virginia and North Carolina Conference was organized by Bishop Levi Scott. Here W. G. Matton was received on trial and appointed to Lincolnton, N. C., where he, with many others, traveled that section, organizing the work and establishing churches. For years he was Presiding Elder in the Conference, and for 1876, 1880 and 1883 was the chosen delegate to the General Conference. In 1884 he was transferred to the Virginia Conference, but his health failing, he returned to North Carolina. His name again transferred to the Blue Ridge Conference, where he took a supernumerary relation, and later a superannuated relation, in 1872. He made his home in High Point until June, 1901. His light was not hid under a bushel; he possessed many noble traits of character; he was a Christian of the higher type—kind, patient, charitable, firm in adherence to the right, and responsive to every call of duty; an able preacher, close student, argumentative in analysis, earnest in manner; physically weak, mentally strong—he served the Conference as secretary for several sessions in succession. For years his health was

feeble, which forced him to cease his loved employment, but his declining years were peaceful. As he ripened for the better world he had a deep religious experience, and a faith that gave victory in afflictions and sorrow. It can be safely said he died in the faith that had borne him up so many years. We hope to meet him in the home above.

A. J. JOHNSON,
A. GRAYBEAL,
C. W. SMITH,
L. J. PENLEY,
N. M. COOPER,
WILLIAM RAWLINGS.
Committee.

PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That we, as Presiding Elders and pastors, do all we can in the support and circulation of the Methodist Advocate Journal.

A. S. BEAMAN.

WESLEYAN ADVOCATE.

Resolved, That the Blue Ridge Conference pledge our continued support to the Wesleyan Advocate, when it will not interfere with the circulation of our official papers.

A. GRAYBEAL.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Whereas, we have had a very pleasant session of Conference, presided over by our beloved Bishop Goodsell, and also, as we think, a very profitable one, this being his second visit to us,

Resolved, That we do hereby express our sincere thanks for the faithful and kind way he presided over our body, and will be highly pleased to have him preside as often as possible.

W. C. MATNEY.

Resolved, That the members of the Blue Ridge Conference tender our sincere thanks to the good people of the town of Montezuma for their kind hospitality in entertaining our Conference.

W. R. WEST.

EDUCATION.

Whereas, the conditions within the bounds of this Conference vary, and no one scheme is at present applicable to all conditions; therefore

Resolved, That this Conference highly approves the immediate establishment of community schools in such localities as need them, under the aid and supervision of the Womans Home Mission Society, if possible; if not possible, by any plan or by any aid practicable.

Resolved, That this Conference approves the establishment within our bounds of an Industrial Home for girls, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Resolved, That to further these objects, which we deem of the highest importance, this Conference pledges its sympathy and support.

Resolved, That this Conference is grateful to the F. A. and S. E. Society for the valuable help already rendered, and trust that their help will be continued, and if possible increased.

Resolved, That this Conference strongly commend our existing school to the confidence and patronage of our people, and insists that the way to build up our schools to their greatest efficiency is to send our children to our own schools.

A. S. Beaman.

AUDITING.

We, the Auditing Committee, report that we have examined the Presiding Elders' accounts and find them correct.

J. L. Dennis,
W. C. Haltom,
Committee.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are thankful to Almighty God for the signal blessings He has bestowed upon our labors during the past year. We are glad to know that so many of our people are striving to give their children a Christian education and train them for a better life, and that our entire field of labor is on an up-grade of spiritual growth and knowledge.

We would recommend the second Sunday in December as a day of prayer for our work in the Blue Ridge Conference.

N. M. Cooper, Chm'n.

REPORT OF STEWARDS.

RECEIPTS.

Book Conceen dividend	$136.00
Chartered Fund	22.00
Balance on hand	.90
Interest on Relief Fund	35.59
Conference Collections	30.00
Total	$224.49

DISBURSEMENTS.

D. A. Lanier	$20.00
D. M. Franklin	38.00
Mrs. T. W. Matney	40.00
William Rawlings	15.00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	25.00
Rosie Witt and younger brother	20.00
Mrs. E. Anderson	35.00
J. J. Rhyne	15.00
Mrs. J. H. Rominger	15.00
Total	$223.00
Balance on hand	$1.49

J. L. DENNIS, Chairman.
W. R. WEST, Secretary.
C. W. SMITH.

REFORMS.

1ST. TEMPERANCE.—Whereas intemperance is the greatest blighting curse of the present generation, and is detrimental to all good order and peace and a nuisance everywhere: we do fully endorse the Discipline on the subject of Temperance and furthur add that both Pastors and Presiding Elders be and are hereby earnestly admonished to see to it that that the law of the Discipline of the church be enforced agaiast any and all intemperance.

2ND. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Sabbath desecration at the present day is exceedingly fearful. In this, our beloved christian land as well as in foreign countries, the law of the Sabbath is held in such reckless disregard that the Sabbath has become largely a day of pleasure seeking. This sad state of affairs applies not only to the world but to many church mem-

bers as well. Both old and young, to say the least, are guilty of robbing God of the one seventh of time which he has sanctified for himself.

3RD. AMUSEMENTS.—The dance, the social, the card table, the playing at games, the theater, and kindred things are not in harmony with the true spirit of the gospel, and ought not be practiced or tolerated by any christian community.

In view of the existence of the foregoing evils, collectively be it resolved:

1st., That the ministry of the Blue Ridge Conference enter a most solemn protest againmst any such unholy practices or customs.

2nd., That there be wise and judicious legislation and a faithful execution of law, both in church and state, against all such prevailing evils.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MATNEY,
W. A. PATTON,
J. B. TUCKER,
Committee.

TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Whereas the good Lord has graciously brought the church triumphantly to see the close of the nineteenth and the opening of the twentieth century, we are thankful to Almighty God for the unbounded success that has attended the church; And for the rich and mighty facilities with which we are enabled to launch out upon the twentieth century, such as the many young people's organizations. We are thankful to the great head of the church for moving upon the Bishops of our beloved Zion to sound out the bugle call along the line asking this mighty church for an offering of twenty million dollars and the conversion of two million souls. We glory in the fact that nearly twenty million dollars have already been raised and almost or quite two million conversions. And, whereas the work is so imperative, and our facilities so great,

Resolved, That we, the preachers of the Blue Ridge Conference will not let up for a single day until the whole request shall have been fully met.

E. J. WINKLER.

WOMANS HOME MISSIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we are in full sympathy with the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and will not only welcome its representatives to our homes and pulpits, but will recommend the women of our congregations to ally themselves to this Twentieth Century movement to be organized for home missionary work; and as Presiding Elders and pastors, we pledge to second their efforts as far as possible.

2. That we wish to express our appreciation of the visits of the Corresponding Secretary of the Womans Home Missionary Society to our Conference, to learn of our needs, and we most earnestly request the location of a school and an Industrial Home for girls within our bounds. We pledge aid to such an enterprise as far as our circumstances will permit.

3. In order to show our good faith in this matter, we have requested the Bishop to appoint an agent to collect funds to assist in providing the necessary grounds and buildings, and have appointed a committee to confer with the Womans Home Missionary Society as to the location of a school and Industrial Home.

A. S. BEAMAN.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Inasmuch as we feel and see the necessity for giving more prompt attention to the various benevolent institutions of our church, and that in order to succeed we must work more systematically, we, your committee, beg to submit the following plan, respectfully asking that the Presiding Elders see that the pastors promptly give heed to the same:

That during the first quarter of the next Conference year, collections taken for Church Extension, Sunday School Union and Tract Society, bearing in mind the fact that our rapidly increasing population and new territorial additions brings new opportunities and responsibilities.

And that we will take the collection for Missions during the second quarter, observing Easter Sunday as Children's Missionary Day.

The third quarter we will take the collection for Education and the F. A. & S. E. S., also observing Children's Day the second Sunday in June.

The last quarter we will endeavor to make up for all deficiences which may have occurred during the year in any of the benevolent collections.

A. J. JOHNSON,
A. S. BEAMAN,
Committee.

Statistics No. 1—Clyde District, Blue Ridge Conference.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	Number of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Number of Churches.	Probable Value.	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for build'g and improv'ng Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on church prop'ty
Asheville	10	180	1	3	5	31	4	22	140	3	2100	1	300	40	.....	77
Clyde	26	402	3	2	4	30	5	45	300	5	4000	1	600	75	.....	.....
Columbus	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	35	1	2500	.....	*	.....	.....	.....
Culberson	4	170	2	2	.....	.....	1	9	40	3	1500	2	600	.....	.....	.....
Bakersville	10	105	4	3	10	1	4	24	160	4	2800	1	100	.....	.....	.....
Burnsville	.....	79	1	3	.....	.....	2	9	80	1	800	1	300	.....	.....	.....
Dellwood	13	59	1	1	.....	.....	1	7	85	1	500	1	100	.....	.....	.....
Highlands	4	105	3	1	.....	.....	2	6	57	3	2500	...	...	.....	.....	250
Irvin	8	160	1	1	.....	2	1	4	41	5	2000	1	350	10	.....	.....
Leicester	12	237	2	2	4	1	4	24	230	4	3000	1	800	$50	70	.....
Marion	20	206	1	4	8	1	3	15	160	4	1800	1	200	15	.....	.....
Montezuma	20	300	3	1	1	15	4	20	250	4	3600	1	600	200	.....	48
Pisgah	20	285	2	.....	.....	10	2	6	300	4	3300	1	500	1000	.....	172
Sylva	14	92	2	.....	.....	10	2	6	25	2	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unaka	10	150	2	.....	.....	1	1	5	40	6	2800	1	100	20	.....	.....
Total	168	2537	26	23	32	102	37	206	943	50	34700	13	4450	2210	70	345
Statesville District	279	4010	37	36	86	218	76	447	921	90	41115	9	2850	3902	80	664
Total	447	7843	63	59	118	320	113	653	5864	150	75815	22	7300	6112	150	1009
Reduplication last year	590	7155	68	78	145	287	116	678	6306	140	75383	20	5898	2788	647	432
Loss	40	.....	5	19	27	.....	3	25	442	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	497	.....
Gain	.....	688	.....	.....	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	10	432	2	1502	3324	.....	567

Statistics No. 1—Statesville District, Blue Ridge Conference.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	Number of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Number of Churches.	Probable Value.	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for build'g and improv'ng Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on church prop'ty	Present indebtedness on church prop'ty
Alamance	.....	52	2	....	.....	15	2	10	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boone	25	123	2	....	1	18	3	18	160	5	1800	.....	.....	7	.....	.....
Caldwell	.....	128	.....	2	2	.....	2	8	50	4	675	1	50	55	.....	.....
Chandler	46	275	1	2	3	28	6	35	350	6	2250	1	300	150	.....	.....
Creston	6	300	3	1	.....	29	5	25	200	4	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Daisy and Greensboro	23	265	1	3	1	15	5	40	325	5	4800	.....	.....	15	.....	.....
Gladstone	3	260	4	....	9	10	2	12	150	4	1600	1	500	60	.....	100
Golden and Shelby	34	275	....	4	9	11	5	25	275	5	2090	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Harmony	25	325	1	3	.....	10	5	30	300	5	2500	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Huntersville	10	165	.....	1	30	4	4	30	200	4	2500	1	800	500	80	80
Jefferson	25	385	4	2	.....	12	5	20	250	7	5000	1	400	50	.....	.....
Kings Mountain and Clifton	33	162	2	4	22	7	4	27	268	5	2550	1	200	575	.....	319
New Salem	5	160	1	....	3	15	4	15	150	4	1400	.....	.....	200	.....	.....
Statesville Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trap Hill	14	402	5	5	.....	10	5	25	300	5	2050	1	300	10	.....	.....
Wilkesboro	14	186	2	2	.....	10	3	16	125	4	2200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yadkin and Pilot	10	297	5	3	2	4	4	31	288	6	2700	1	200	1100	.....	245
Zion	8	310	4	12	2	12	7	45	375	8	3600	.....	.....	150	.....	.....
Troy	16	140	1	2	2	8	5	25	125	3	900	1	100	.....	.....	.....
Total	297	4310	37	36	86	218	76	447	3921	84	41115	9	2850	3902	80	664

Statistics No. 3—Clyde District, Blue Ridge Conference.

Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Support of Pres'g Eldrs. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.	Total Support of Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.	Conference Claimants Received. Collections	Other Sources.	Total.	Current Expenses Church Sexton, Lights, Fuel.	Sundyschool Less'n Leaves Books, Etc.
Asheville	L. J. Penley.	145	24	169	145	24	169	....	25	25	1	1	195	....		....	20	28
Clyde	J. L. Stephenson	370	75	445	325	75	400	45	50	50	2	2	452	5		5	40	.....
Columbus	Geo. L. Reynolds	40	....	40	23	.....	23	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....
Culberson	J. B. Tucker	185	25	210	67	25	92	118	40	27	.....	.....	119	.....		....	3	.....
Bakersville	L R Huddlestone, T B Garland	100	65	165	65	65	130	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....
Burnsville	M. W. Broyles	65	6	71	12	5	17	52	15	6	1	1	25	.....		.....	.....	.....
Dellwood	W. J. Evans	75	.....	75	51	.....	51	24	16	16	1	1	68	1		1	.....	3
Highlands	G. W. Matney	110	.....	110	25	.....	25	85	26	20	.....	.....	45	.....		....	10	38
Irvin	M. A. West	180	32	212	145	32	177	5	32	22	1	1	210	1		1	10	4
Leicester	W. C. Matney	285	50	325	225	50	175	60	25	25	1	1	301	2		2	.....	.....
Marion	C. F. Casstevens	160	.....	160	155	.....	155	5	25	25	1	1	181	2		2	2	12
Montezuma	A. Graybeal	175	8	183	70	8	78	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....
Pisgah	J. F. Matney	300	50	350	225	50	270	30	28	28	1	1	100	2		2	30	32
Sylva	W. R. West	100	.....	100	48	.....	48	52	20	18	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....
Unaka	L. A. Rominger	140	25	165	40	25	70	105	25	14	.....	.....	.....	1		1	12	20
Total		2480	325	2840	1501	329	1480	889	316	286	9	9	1696	14	....	14	155	127
Statesville Dist		2846	98	2944	1962	83	2046	900	370	281	8	6	1876	10	....	10	103	116
Total		5276	423	5784	3463	442	3526	1789	686	567	17	15	3572	24	....	24	258	143
Last year		5678	379	5927	3756	364	4120	1791	721	511	24	21	4752	24	2	26	187	348
Increase		.....	44	.....	.....	78	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease		402	.....	143	293	.....	594	....	35	44	7	6	180	.....	2	2	29	205

Statistics No. 3—Statesville District, Blue Ridge Conference.

Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiencies.	Support of Pres'g Eldrs. Amount Apportioned	Support of Pres'g Eldrs. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total Support of Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants. Received. Collections	Other Sources	Total.	Current Expenses. Church Sexton, Lights, Fuel.	Sunday School Less'n Leaves Books, Etc.
Alamance	N. M. Cooper	40		40	10		40											
Boone	E. J. Winkler	125		125	75		75	60	20	7			82				3	20
Caldwell	L. W. Corbett																	
Chandler	W. T. Owen	230	12	242	150	12	162	80	25	20	1	1	183			1		10
Creston	W. A. Patton	100		100	62		62	38	20	17			79					
Daisy and Greensboro	C. W. Smith	280	15	295	240		240	40	28	20	1	1	261	2		2	25	25
Gladstone	W. C. Hattom	225	36	261	140	36	176	85	25	25			201					10
Golden and Shelby	F. A. Clark	185	10	195	126	10	136	59	26	19	1	1	153	1		1	8	20
Harmony	D. S. Richardson	200		200	90		90	110	25	20			110				5	6
Huntersville	J. L. Dennis	184		184	164		161	24	16	17	1	1	182	1		1	20	20
Jefferson	J. M. Heath	225	25	250	200	25	225	25	40	35	1	1	261	2		2		
Kings Mountain and Clifton	A. L. Johnson	200		200	202		202		25	30	1	1	233	1		1	25	35
New Salem	J. N. S. Doub	125		125	70		71	55	18	7								
Statesville Mission	Hardy Verner																	
Trap Hill	J. C. Richardson	160		160	100		100	60	20	20								
Troy	J. H. Gillespie	100		100	75		75	25	12	8	1		83	1		1		6
Wilkesboro	J. J. Rhyne	100		100	36		36	64	20	10	1		47	1		1	1	3
Yadkin and Pilot	F. M. Welborn	167		167	67		67	100	25	8							5	10
Zion	C. W. Warden	200		200	125		125	75	25	18				1		1	10	5
Total		2846	98	2944	1962	83	2046	900	370	281	8	6	1876	10		11	104	170

Statistics No. 4—Clyde District, Blue Ridge Conference.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missions.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
								Education.										
	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School	Total.	Church Extension	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society.	(a) Public Educational Collection.	(b) Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Womans Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
Asheville	10		10	10	.....	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	1	17	.....	2	1
Clyde	12		12	10	1	1	....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	5	2
Columbus	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Culberson	2		2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	....
Bakersville	2		2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Burnsville	1		1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	....	1
Dellwood	5		5	5	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	1	1
Highlands	4		4	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	....
Irvin	10		10	8	1	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	1	1
Leicester	14		14	8	1	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	2	1
Marion	5		5	5	2	.....	5	1	....	1	1	1	21	.....	2	1
Montezuma	3		3	1	.....	.....	1	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	14	1	1	....
Pisgah	12		12	12	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	2	1
Sylva	6		6	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	.....	2	....
Unaka	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Total	86		86	75	5	2	11	25	13	1	1	3	210	1	18	9

Statistics No. 4—Statesville District, Blue Ridge Conference.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missions.			Church Extension	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society.	Education.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School	Total.					Public Educational Collection.	(b) Children's Fund.							
Alamance	3		3													
Boone	8		8	2	1	1										
Caldwell	2		2	1							1	2				
Chandler	4		4	2		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1
Creston	6		6		1							1				
Daisy and Greensboro	4	16	20	3	1	1	4		6	1		1			2	1
Gladstone	10		10	5	1		2	1				1				
Golden and Shelby	11		11	5	1	1		3			1	1			1	1
Harmony	6		6	2	1	1						1			1	
Hunter's Chapel	8		8	5	1		1			1		1			1	1
Hunterville	15		15	4	1		2			1					2	1
Jefferson	15	10	25	3	2		2					3	7		1	1
Kings Mountain and Clifton	5		5	3	1							2				
New Salem																
Statesville Mission																
Trap Hill	10		10	4	1		1		1			1			1	
Troy	5		5	2	1	1		1		1		1			1	
Wilkesboro	2	2	2	2												
Yadkin and Pilot	4		4	4	1							1				
Zion	7		7	3			3					2			1	
Total	133	36	161	61	14	7	15	6	8	7	3	19	7		12	6

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

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SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARIES.
1879. Jan.,	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer.

CHANGED TO BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

1880, Jan 28, Feb. 1,	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton.
1881, " 20-24,	Leicester,	" Warren,	"
1882, " 19-23,	Asheville,	" Foster,	"
1883, " 24-29,	Gastonia,	" Merrill,	"
1884, Jan. 30, Feb. 4,	Asheville,	" Bowman,	J. D Roberson.
1885, Feb. 12-16,	Clyde,	" Andrews,	J. D. Roberson.
1885, Oct. 1-5,	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford.
1886, " 7-11,	Smith's Chapel,	" Walden,	W. T. Ford.
1887, " 19-23,	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	W. Q. A. Graham
1888, " 18-22,	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	"
1889, " 17-21,	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson.
1890, " 16-20,	Clyde,	" Joyce,	"
1891, " 21-25,	Asheville,	" Warren,	A. Graybeal.
1892, " 13-16,	Poindexter,	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble.
1893, " 12-16,	Daisy,	" Hurst,	W. Q. A. Graham
1894, Sept. 27, Oct. 1,	Smith's Chapel,	" Foster,	"
1895, Oct. 9-14,	Clyde,	" Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal.
1896, Sept. 24-27,	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	"
1897, Oct. 11-17,	Walkertown,	" Andrews,	"
1898, " 20-24,	Marion,	" Goodsell,	"
1899, " 19-22,	Seward,	" Fowler,	"
1900, " 4-7,	Clyde,	" Cranston,	"
1901, " 24-27,	Montezuma,	" Goodsell,	"
1902, " 23-26,	Seward,	" Walden,	"

OUR DEAD.

NAME.	DIED.	ADMITTED.	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Parker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1880	From N. C. Conference.
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S C. Conference.
William Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference.
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1896	1880	From Holston.
A. H. Peeples	1897	1885	On trial.
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E Anderson	1900	1892	On trial.
W. G. Matton	1901	——	From N. C. Conference
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial.
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

—MRS. MAKAY.

CONFERENCE ROLL 1902.

NAME.	ORDER.	POSTOFFICE.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Casstevens, C. F.	Elder	Seward	1890
Clark, F. A. L.	"	Glass	1884
Cooper, N. M.	"	Greensboro	1884
Corbett, L. W.	"	Plateau	1896
Dennis, J. L.	"	Gladstone	1891
Doub, J. N. S.	Deacon	Traphill	1895
Ballew, W. A.	Elder	Vest	1885
Fitch, W. S.	"	Gastonia	1901
Graybeal, A.	"	Lansing	1882
Gillespie, J. H.	"	Leicester	1885
Heath, J. M.	"	Poindexter	1892
Haltom, W. C.	"	Montezuma	1898
Huddlestone, L. R.	Deacon	Riceville	1899
Lanier, D. A.	Elder	Catawba	1890
Matney, W. C.	"	Clyde	1889
Matney, J. F.	"	Clyde	1888
Matheson, D. M.	"	Rovis Mills	1888
Moore, W. S.	Deacon	Queen	1897
Christenberry, H. D.	Elder	Buck Shoals	1884
Penley, L. J.	"	Old Fort	1888
Patton, W. A.	"	Lansing	1898
Patterson, J. H.	"	East Bend	1887
Richardson, J. C.	Deacon	Harmony	1896
Smith, C. W.	Elder	Seward	1885
Stephenson, J. L.	"	Acton	1899
Tucker, J. B.	"	Bakersville	1895
Winkler, E. J.	"	Wilkesboro	1888
West, W. R.	"	Bryson City	1890

PROBATIONERS.

Johnson, A. L.	Deacon	Chattanooga	1895
Moore, J. B.	Licentiate	Unaka	1901
Bumgarner, L. A.	"	Athens, Tenn	1901
Williams, S. C.	"	Troy	1901
Blackwelder, W. R.	"	Montezuma	1902

SUPERNUMERARY.

Earnhart, S. A.	Elder		
Rominger, L. A.	"		1886
Richardson, D. S.	Deacon	Settle	1888

SUPERANNUATES.

Rawlings, Wm	Elder		1889
Rhyne, J. J	"	Eupeptic Springs	1887
Evans, W. J	"	Canton	1888
Franklin, D. N	"	Sylva	1885
Broyles, M. W	"		1889

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Seward, N. C., October 23-26, 1902.

Bishop J. M. Walden, Presiding. A. Graybeal, Secretary.

Postoffice of Secretary, Lansing, N. C.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? None.

2. Who have been Re-admitted? None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial? Wiley R. Blackwelder.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (*a*). *In Studies of first Year.* J. V. Moore, S. C. Williams, J. L. A. Bumgarner.

6. Who have been Discontinued? W. K. Harris, M. A. West.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership? (*a*). *Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.* None. (*b*). *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.* A. L. Johnson.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? (*a*). *Admitted into Full Membership this year.* A. L. Johnson. (*b*). *Admitted into Full Membership previously.* J. N. S. Doub, W. S. Moore.

This certifies that at Seward, N. C., on October 26th, 1902, assisted by a number of elders present, I did ordain as elders William A. Patton and Leonidas W. Corbett.

Given under my hand this twenty-sixth day of October, A. D., 1902.

JOHN W. WALDEN.

Resolved that the trustees of the Relief Fund are hereby instructed to collect all outstanding notes or at least as many of them as possible by next conference, and said money be loaned in bulk to the trustees of the M. E. church or some one of our benevolent societies.

E. J. WINKLER,
J. M. HEATH.

Resolved that we do by a standing vote express our sincere thanks to our secretaries and treasurer for the able and faithful manner in which they have served the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. WINKLER.
D. M. MATHESON.

Resolved that we greatly appreciate the hospitality that the people of Seward have shown us during the sessions of our Annual Conference.

E. J. WINKLER.

Following are officers of the Blue Ridge Conference Historical Society: E. J. Winkler, President; A. Graybeal, Secretary; W. S. Moore, Treasurer.

Resolved that we very gratefully appreciate the official visit of our beloved Bishop Walden at this session of our Conference and thank him for the careful, investigating way in which he has conducted our Conference, and respectfully ask the Board of Bishops to return him to us next year.

E. J. WINKLER.

an average enrollment of fifty-six and one-fourth, making a grand total of four thousand five hundred or an increase of five hundred and seventy-nine over last year. There are also several Epworth League chapters in the Conference that are reported to be doing effective work.

Feeling that the enlistment of the young means so much to our beloved church and Conference,

Therefore be it Resolved, That our pastors do all in their power to organize and encourage evergreen Sunday schools and to make a special effort in League work in the coming year.

S. C. Williams, Chairman.
J. C. Richardson.
W. A. Ballew.

Conference Stewards.

Receipts.

Book Concern dividend	$120 00
Chartered Fund	22 00
Interest on Conference Relief Fund	40 00
Conference Collections	31 00
Balance on hand	1 49
Total	$218 49

Disbursements

D. M. Franklin	$ 25 00
Mrs. T. W. Matney	35 00
Wm. Rawlings	15 00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	30 00
Rosin Witt and younger brother	20 00
Mrs. E. Anderson	20 00
D. A. Lanier	10 00
Mrs. W. T. Owen	33 00
Mrs. A. J. Johnson	10 00
J. J. Rhyne	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Rominger	15 00
Total	$218 00
Balance	49

J. H. Patterson, Chairman.
L. J. Penley, Secretary.
C. F. Casstevens.

2nd. All examinations must be in writing.

3rd. First named on each committee is chairman for that year. Each chairman is responsible for the work required of his committee.

4th. All questions must be in the hands of the President of the Board of Examiners one month before the next session of our annual Conference.

Conference Board of Church Extension.

President, J. H. Patterson; Vice-President, J. M. Heath; Secretary, C. F. Casstevens. Additional members, W. S. Moore, J. L. Dennis and J. M. Lorg.

To preach Annual Missionary Sermon, W. S. Fitch; Alternate, W. C. Haltom.

Officers, Preachers Relief Fund.

President, W. C. Matney, Clyde, N. C., Treasurer, A. Graybeal, Lansing, N. C.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

W. C. Matney, P. E., Clyde, N. C.

Asheville ..... L. R. Huddlestone, 1
Bakersville ..... J. B. Tucker, 1
Boone ..... E. J. Winkler, 3
Clyde ..... J. F. Matney, 1
Columbus ..... To be supplied
Culberson ..... M. A. Ballew, 2
Irwin ..... To be supplied
Leicester ..... J. H. Gillespie, 1
Marion ..... L. J. Penley, 1
Montezuma ..... W. C. Haltom, 1, and W. R. Blackwelder, 1
Pisgah ..... J. L. Stephenson, 1
Rooves Mills ..... D. M. Matheson, 1

Sylva ..... W. R. West, 3
Unaka ..... J. V. Moore, 1

J. L. A. Bumgarner left without appointment to attend some one of our schools—member Montezuma Quarterly Conference.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

C. W. Smith, P. E., Seward, N. C.

Caldwell ..... D. A. Lanier, 1
Chandler ..... W. S. Moore, 2
Creston ..... W. A. Patton, 5
Daisy ..... C. F. Casstevens, 1
Forge ..... J. H. Patterson, 1
Gastonia ..... W. S. Fitch, 1
Gladstone ..... J. L. Dennis, 1
Greensboro ..... N. M. Cooper, 1
Harmony ..... J. C. Richardson, 2
Henry ..... L. W. Corbett, 1
Huntersville ..... F. A. L. Clark, 1
Jefferson ..... A. Graybeal, 1
Trap Hill ..... J. N. S. Doub, 1
Troy ..... S. C. Williams, 1
Wilkesboro ..... C. M. Warden, 1
Yadkin ..... J. M. Heath, 1
Zion ..... H. D. Christenberry, 1

A. L. Johnson, Gastonia Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Day.

Opening—The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Elm Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, Seward, N. C., Thursday morning October 23rd, 1902, at 8:30, with Bishop J. M. Walden in the chair.

Devotional Services—The prayer service was conducted by the bishop. Hymns 726 and 656 were used. The bishop read selections from 25th chapter of Isaiah and the 2nd chapter of 2nd Timothy. J. F. Matney and W. S. Fitch led the

Conference in prayer.

Roll Call—The Conference roll was called by the secretary of last session, and the following members and probationers were found to be present: A. S. Beaman, C. F. Casstevens, L. W. Corbett, J. L. Dennis, J. N. S. Doub, J. H. Gillespie, A. Graybeal, W. C. Haltom, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, D. M. Matheson, L. J. Penley, J. C. Richardson, W. S. Fitch, W. A. Patton, C. W. Smith, J. L. Stephenson, W. A. Ballew, W. K. Harris, A. L. Johnson, H. D. Christenbery, D. A. Lanier, J. J. Rhyne, S. C. Williams, N. M. Cooper, J. M. Heath, J. B. Moore, L. C. Huddlestone.

Secretaries—A. Graybeal was elected secretary and upon his nomination A. L. Johnson was elected assistant secretary.

Statistical Secretaries—W. C. Haltom was elected statistical secretary with W. K. Harris as his assistant.

Treasurer—W. A. Patton was elected Conference treasurer and J. H. Gillespie assistant.

Time for Meeting and Adjourning—On motion of C. W. Smith time for meeting was fixed at 9 a. m., first half hour to be given to devotional exercises, and adjourn at 12 m.

Conference Bar—The Conference bar was fixed so as to include the four front seats.

Standing Committees—The presiding elders made nominations for the standing committees, as follows:

1st. *Public Worship*—W. S. Fitch and C. W. Smith.

2nd. *Benevolences*—W. C. Haltone, L. J. Penley, A. L. Johnson.

3rd. *Education*—A. Graybeal, W. S. Fitch, A. L. Johnson.

4th. *Reforms*—J. F. Matney, W. A. Patton and E. J. Winkler.

5th. *Auditing*—J. L. Dennis, J. N. S. Doub.

6th. *Periodicals and Publishing Interests*—J. L. Stevenson, L. R. Huddlestone, J. M. Heath.

7th. *Young Peoples Work*—S. C. Williams, W. A. Ballew, J. C. Richardson.

8th. *Conference Stewards*—J. H. Patterson, L. J. Penley, C. F. Casstevens.

9th. *State of the Church*—J. L. Stephenson, L. W. Corbett, J. B. Tucker.

10th. *Conference Relations*—The Presiding Elders, W. C. Matney, D. M. Matheson, F. A. L. Clark.

11th. *Memoirs*—C. M. Warden, H. D. Christenbery, A. L. Johnson, W. K. Harris.

12th. *Church Extension*—C. W. Smith, W. C. Matney, A. S. Beaman.

On motion of C. W. Smith the Conference board of examiners were made a committee on ministerial qualifications.

Standing Committees for Next Year—On motion of A. S. Beaman the standing committees of this year are the nominations for the committees for next session of Conference.

Introduction—E. O. Bell, representative of our book concerns, Rev. M. H. Long of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. G. H. Austin of Methodist Protestant Church were introduced to the Conference. W. S. Fitch who had been transferred to us during the year was also introduced.

Drafts—The bishop announced that the Conference is entitled to $124 from the book concern dividend and $24 from the chartered fund. Drafts were ordered and passed to the Conference treasurer.

By vote of the Conference the presiding elders were made a committee to make appointments to the different benevolent causes, and other causes.

The bishop announced that the Conference is required to raise $63 for General Conference expenses and $50 for the Episcopal fund.

Question 13. "Was the character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. A. S. Beaman was called, his character passed and he read his report of the work on the Clyde district. C. W. Smith was called, his character passed and he reported his work on the Statesville district. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and

they reported their benevolent collections and for Conference claiments and Episcopal fund. L. J. Penley, J. L. Stephenson, W. A. Ballew, W. C. Matney, C. F. Casstevens, D. M. Matheson, W. C. Haltom, J. C. Richardson, J. L. Dennis, J. H. Gillespie, W. S. Fitch, A. Graybeal.

Statistical Session Ordered—On motion of J. H. Gillespie a statistical session was ordered for 2 p. m. today.

Communion Service—The bishop, assisted by the presiding elders, W. S. Fitch and Rev. M. H. Long and Rev. G. H. Austin administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This was indeed a very precious service.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2 p. m., Bishop Walden in the chair. The secretary called list of charges and pastors, and the statistics were passed to the statistical secretary and treasurer.

W. S. Fitch recounted his difficulties in securing rates over the railroads. On his motion it was ordered that a railroad secretary be appointed. The appointment was deferred until near the close of the Conference.

Second Day.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotions were conducted by the bishop.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read, and, after a few corrections, adopted.

13th Question was Resumed The following effective elders were called, their character passed and they reported their collections for benevolences and Conference claimants and Episcopal fund: J. B. Tucker, N. M. Cooper, E J. Winkler, J. M. Heath, J. H. Patterson, a Sup., W. J. Evans and F. A. L. Clark were called, their character passed. They were excused from attendance upon this session of Conference

on account of sickness in their homes.

5th Question—"Who have been continued on trial," was taken up. S. C. Williams, J. B. Moore, W. K. Harris and J. L. A. Bumgarner were called and their character passed. S. C. Williams and J. B. Moore were referred to examining committee for examination on the books in the first year. W. K. Harris passed in the studies of the first and second years. J. L. A. Bumgarner was continued on trial in studies of the first year.

9th Question was taken up. "What members are in the studies of the fourth year?" J. N. S. Doub was called, his character passed and he reported his collections. He was continued in the studies of the third year, credit being given in two books. W. T. Owen was reported as having died during the year. G. W. Matney was called, his character passed, was continued in studies of third year and excused from attendance at this session of Conference on account of sickness. W. S. Moore was passed in character, reported his collections and continued in studies of third year.

10th Question—"What members have completed the Conference course of study," was taken up. W. A. Patton, W. R. West, L. W. Corbett, L. R. Huddlestone, D. S. Richardson, C. M. Warden, J. C. Richardson were called and their character passed. W. A. Patton and L. W. Corbett reported their collections and were elected to elder's orders. W. R. West, D. S. Richardson, C. M. Warden were continued in studies of 4th year. L. R. Huddlestone reported his collections and was sent before the committee of examiners in 4th year. J. C. Richardson reported his collections and was continued in studies of 4th year.

By motion the list of supernumerary members was referred to the committee on Conference relations. It was ordered further that all who desired a change of relation go before that committee.

11th Question was taken up, "What others have been elected and ordained Deacons." None.

12th question taken up. None.

On motion of W. S. Fitch, Mrs. Walden, wife of our bishop, was invited to address the Conference on the work of the W. H. M. S. She responded in a few very encouraging words. On motion of A. Graybeal the following was adopted by a rising vote: Resolved that we are delighted with the visit of Mrs. Walden to our Conference and that we will be glad to have her return at any time.

By motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Doxology was sung and benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walden.

Second Day, Afternoon Session.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock. W. S. Fitch presided. The devotions were conducted by W. A. Patton. J. M. Heath preached the missionary sermon from Gal. 7:14. Conference adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Third Day.

Conference met at 9 o'clock with Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotions were conducted by the bishop.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

23rd Question—"Who are the superannuated Preachers," was taken up. Wm. Rawlings, D. N. Franklin and J. J. Rhyne were continued in their present relation.

30th Question—"Where shall the next Conference be held?" was asked. Smith's Chapel, Glass, N. C., was chosen. Glass is a station on the Southern Railway between Salisbury and Concord.

By motion the presiding elder of Statesville district was elected as railroad secretary whose business it will be to procure rates over the railroads leading to our Conference.

A. Graybeal read his report as treasurer of the Conference relief fund, which was adopted.

By motion the trustees of the Conference relief fund,

were directed to appoint an agent to collect from C. B. Moore $485.65 with interest. The Conference feels warranted in believing that he should be held responsible for the amount.

On motion the Conference instructed the board of trustees of relief fund to inform J. R. Cannon that unless he begins immediately and continues to pay $5 per month on his indebtedness that charges will be preferred against him at the next session of the Conference of which he is a member.

7th Question "Who shall be admitted into full membership" was called. A. L. Johnson was called, character passed and he reported his collections. At this juncture the bishop delivered a very strong address to the class for admission. A. L. Johnson signed the pledge, answered the disciplinary questions asked of candidates for admission. On motion of C. W. Smith he was admitted to full membership and placed in studies of third year.

M. A. West was referred to the committee on Conference relations.

By motion time was extended.

On motion a memorial service was appointed for tomorrow afternoon in connection with the ordination services.

J. F. Matney was appointed to conduct the devotional services this afternoon.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with benediction by the bishop.

Third Day, Afternoon Session

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock, Bishop Walden in the chair. J. F. Matney conducted the devotions. Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

22nd Question was taken up. S. A. Earnhart was passed in character and continued in the supernumerary relation. H. D. Christenberry was called, character passed and he was made effective. J. H. Patterson and W. S. Moore were called, their character passed and they were made effective. L. A.

Rominger was passed in character and by motion the secretary was instructed to inform him that unless he report as required in paragraph 194 of Discipline he will be requested to locate. C. M. Warden was granted a certificate of location at his own request.

23rd Question was taken up. D. A. Lanier was made effective. M. W. Broyles was passed in character and was continued in his present relation. W. J. Evans was granted the superannuate relation.

5th Question was taken up. W. K. Harris was discontinued. J. B. Moore and S. C. Williams were continued in studies of first year.

16th Question—"Who have died," was taken up. A. J. Johnson and W. T. Owen.

4th Question—"Who have been admitted on trial" was taken up. Wiley R. Blackwelder was, upon recommendation of Statesville District Conference and his presiding elder, admitted on trial in studies of first year.

On motion of C. W. Smith the presiding elders were allowed to employ J. T. Lingerfelt and D. E. Earnhart as supplies.

M. A. West was discontinued.

On motion of W. A. Patton it was ordered that all money arising from odd cents in the reports be given to the Conference claimants and so reported.

W. C. Haltom read statistical report.

Report on benevolences was read by A. L. Johnson. See report which was adopted.

Education—Report was read by A. Grayboal. Adopted.

Report on reforms was read by J. F. Matney. Adopted.

Report of auditing committee read by J. L. Dennis. Adopted.

Periodicals—Report read by L. R. Huddlestone. After amendment it was adopted.

Report on young peoples work was read by S. C. Williams. Adopted.

Report on state of the church was read by L. W. Corbett, Adopted.

Report on church extension was read by W. C. Matney, Report adopted.

J. H. Patterson read the report of the Conference Stewards. See report which was adopted.

W. S. Fitch was appointed to preach the missionary sermon. W. C. Haltom alternate.

On motion it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at the close of the sermon this evening.

W. A. Patton read his report as Conference treasurer. Report adopted.

Triars of appeals were elected. See list.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the bishop.

Third Day, Night Session

Conference met according to appointment at the close of the preaching service. Bishop Walden in the chair. J. L. Stephenson conducted the devotions.

E. J. Winkler and J. M. Heath were appointed a committee on resolutions.

Minutes of afternoon session were read and approved.

The bishop announced the transfer of A. S. Beaman and G. W. Matney to the Holston Conference.

A. S. Beaman read the report of the committee on Missions. See report which was adopted.

Conference Board of Church Extension was elected as follows: President, J. H. Patterson; Vice-President, C. F. Casstevens; Secretary, J. M. Heath. Additional members W. S. Moore, J. L. Dennis, J. M. Long.

On motion of C. C. Smith, J. L. A. Bumgarner and A. L. Johnson were left without appointments to attend school.

E. J. Winkler read a resolution concerning the collection of notes and accounts belonging to the Conference relief fund and loan them to the trustees of the M. E. Church.

On motion of A. Greybeal the plan of last year was

adopted for publishing the Conference minutes, viz: Collect $1.25 from each pastor and presiding elder, to be taken from the first quarters installment by the presiding elder.

On motion it was ordered that when the appointments shall have been read tomorrow the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the bishop.

Fourth Day, Afternoon Session

Conference met at 2:30 p. m., Bishop Walden in the chair. Wm. A. Patton and Leonidas W. Corbett were ordained elders. The bishop retired for a Conference with the presiding elders and appointed C. M. Warden to preside during the memorial service.

A. L. Johnson read a paper in memory of A. J. Johnson. Quite a number of the brethren made remarks. On motion the Conference adjourned to meet early this evening to complete the memorial service.

Memorial service continued. Memorials for W. T. Owen and Sister Matheson read and remarks made by a number of the brethren.

Resolutions of thanks to bishop, secretaries, treasurer, railroads. Also resolution of regret at the transfer of Brothers Beaman and Matney. The bishop read the appointments after which Conference adjourned *sine die*.

J. M. Walden, President.

I certify that the above is the official journal of the Blue Ridge Conference held at Seward, N. C., Oct. 23-26, 1902.

A. Graybeal, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS.

MEMOIRS.

JOHNSON.—The Rev. Adolphus Juan Johnson was born Aug. 29th, 1857 and died at his home at Buck Shoal, N. C., Dec. 3rd, 1901. He leaves a wife and seven children greatly bereaved, but comforted with the assurance that for him death was gain. At about the age of 21 he was converted and immediately identified himself with Asbury M. E. Church. Under his superintendence the Asbury evergreen Sunday school was organized and for five years as its superintendent he was instrumental in accomplishing great good. Brother Johnson was licensed to preach at a district conference held in Wilkes County, N. C., in 1884. He was ordained deacon by Bishop J. M. Walden at Smith's Chapel, Oct. 10th, 1886, and elder by Bishop I. W. Joyce at Asheville Oct. 20th, 1889. He served as pastor ten years and presiding elder six years. How much he endured in the work for Jesus sake, the Lord of the harvest knows. He went through heat and cold filled with the spirit of the early pioneers and heroes of Methodism to plant the banner of the church and extend the kingdom of Christ. He built many churches, led hundreds of souls to Jesus and was instrumental in educating many young men for the ministry. He conceived the idea of a Union Sunday School Convention which has become so famous in Yadkin county while on his knees, and lived to be its chairman for several years. He was an able preacher possessed of excellent executive ability and the work entrusted to him suffered no lack. He was conscious to the last and gave directions as to his funeral services to be held at his home and the church and in holy triumph entered by faith into the servant's everlasting rest.

C. M. WARDEN, Chairman.
S. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
A. L. JOHNSON.

OWENS.—Rev. W. T. Owens, pastor of the Zion circuit, Statesville district, Blue Ridge Conference, after an illness of two weeks from typhoid fever departed this life in the triumph of a living faith in Christ Jesus, Sept. 18, 1902, aged 34 years. When a boy but nine years old he gave his heart to God and became a member of the M. E. church, South. At Marion, N. C., in 1898 he joined the Blue Ridge Conference and was sent to Chandler circuit by Bishop D. A. Goodsell and served that charge three years, doing acceptable and faithful work. He then was sent to the Zion circuit, which received his faithful and effective service until he was stricken down by disease. He was an earnest, forceful preacher of the

gospel. He preached holiness of heart and life as the divine requirement of all who would enjoy the favor of God and his life exemplified his preaching. His dying breath was employed in shouting "Glory to God" for salvation from sin and triumph over the fear of death. Bidding all present good bye he passed over the river to rest sweetly under the shade of the tree.

C. M. WARDEN, Chairman,
A. L. JOHNSON,
H. D. CHRISTENBERRY,
W. K. HARRIS.

Martha L. Matheson was born Oct. 20th, 1849, and was converted and joined the church in her 17th year. In 1871 she was married to Brother D. M. Matheson and was a faithful wife, a faithful mother, a devoted Christian; lived for many years in aggressive work and service for the Master. She was an invalid for more than eight years and passed away triumphantly August 3rd, 1902.

C. M. WARDEN,
A. L. JOHNSON,
H. D. CHRISTENBERY,
W. K. HARRIS.

Church Extension.

Whereas, The Church Extension Society has been of such material benefit to our work in this Southland, and especially to our work in the Blue Ridge Conference. Of the 150 church houses furnishing shelter for more than 7,000 honest Methodist worshippers a majority have been erected without the aid of this noble society, and, whereas, much remains yet to be done in the way of building churches.

Resolved first, That we will put forth the greatest effort to increase our collections for church extension, endeavoring to secure an offering from every member of our respective charges.

Resolved second, That we will take the church extension collection during the first quarter of Conference year.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. SMITH.

State of the Church.

We are thankful to God for the wonderful blessings He has bestowed upon the church the past year. We see a marked uplift in the spirituality

and the educational interest of our people. We see in this a more hopeful field. We believe our people are doing more to fit their children for life's duties. We would recommend our pastors to go back to the old Methodist land marks of work among the children of our different charges.

Humbly submitted,

J. L. STEPHENSON,
L. W. CORBETT,
Committee.

Education.

We most heartily commend the excellent work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished for the church through the Board of Education. We especially approve of the emphasis laid upon educational excellence and genuine spirituality as the true ideal for our schools. We note with satisfaction the report of special gifts to the Board of Education, and unreservedly commend it to the benevolence of our people, particularly those who are able to make large gifts.

We urge that Children's Day be observed and a collection taken in every charge according to the discipline.

During the past year the board aided students who gave their home residence or church relationship as within the bounds of our Conference to the number of 12 and to the amount of $411. The contributions of our Conference received by the board for the year were $20 50. Our minutes show a large number of charges not contributing to this fund.

We commend the officers of the board for their energy in collecting loans, and we urge all beneficiaries within our own Conference to make as prompt payment as possible. We commend the Christian Student and the Cokesbury Guild to all our people. We are especially pleased that the Board of Education proposes to celebrate the bicentenary of John Wesley's birth, and we promise our own hearty co-operation.

We note with interest the fact that there is a great awakening in our State in the great work of education. We know that unless our church can accommodate our young people they will seek school privileges elsewhere. We believe it is our duty as well as privilege to establish new schools and support those we now have. If it be found possible we recommend that a field agent be appointed to travel through our territory and work up a stronger interest among our people in the educational work. If such agent cannot be provided for we recommend that our presiding elders be requested to take the matter in hand and do, so far as they can, the work needed to be done. We urge our pastors to take the matter upon their hearts and put forth their strongest efforts in building up our institutions of learning.

We are pleased with the work our schools have done during the year.

Resolved, That we pledge anew our sympathy and support to our community schools and academies and commend them to the patronage of our people.

Resolved, That we will preach or lecture on the subject of Education on our several charges during the coming year.

A. Graybeal,
W. S. Fitch,
A. L. Johnson.

Reforms.

The use of alcoholic liquors, tobacco and opium is the prevalent form of intemperance that is so destructive to the race. These destructive agencies are intrenched behind the greed of capital and perverted appetite.

Patriotism, humanity and Christianity demand the legal prohibition of these monster evils. The people need to know the danger to our national institutions from this cruel monopoly, the injurious effects to mind and body and more than all that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven.

2nd. Sabbath Observance—The sanctity of the Christian Sabbath is a subject of the greatest importance to the Christian church and to the American people in general. The increase of Sabbath desecration in our towns and cities and in many rural districts and the entire disregard of that day by most railroad and steamboat companies and employees are just causes for alarm. No greater evil threatens our country to-day than the annihilation of the Christian Sabbath. Not only is Sabbath breaking a great sin in itself, but the Sabbath breaker in a very large measure puts himself beyond the influence of the church, and thus renders his reformation hopeless. We believe that much of this sin lies at the door of the church because of a laxity on its part in the faithful administration of wholesome discipline, and the failure of many of its ministers to come boldly to the defence of this holy day;

Therefore resolved, That we as ministers will by precept and example in public and in private and from the pulpit do all in our power to influence our people to observe the sacredness of God's holy day.

J. F. Matney,
W. A. Patton,
E. J. Winkler.

Periodicals.

We, your committee on Periodicals, find that our Periodicals are not

circulated and read as they should be and know that the education of our people depend largely upon the reading of our literature, and realizing the great need of just such literature being placed in the hands of our children, we therefore offer the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved first, That we, as members of the Blue Ridge Conference, do all that we can to put one or more of our periodicals in every home in the Conference.

Resolved second, That we as pastors give our entire support to one, and this one should be our official organ.

J. L. Stephenson,
Lee R. Huddlestone, Secretary,
J. M. Heath.

Auditing.

We, the auditing committee, report that we have examined presiding elders accounts and find them to be correct.

J. L. Dennis,
J. N. S. Dour.

Benevolences.

The committee of Benevolences submit the following report:

1st. That during the first quarter of the coming conference year, the pastors take the collection for church extension and public educational collection.

2nd. For missions, Sunday school union and tract society second quarter, observing missionary day, Easter Sunday.

3rd. The third quarter take collections for F. A. & S. E. Society and children's fund, observing children's day the second Sunday in June.

4th. To present the remaining benevolent causes and make up any deficiencies.

W. C. Haltom,
L. J. Penley,
A. L. Johnson,
Committee.

Young People's Work.

Realizing that the young are the very bone and sinew of our church and State. We point with pride to the great number that are enlisted in our church work.

We have in the Statesville district alone eighty Sunday schools with

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and who has it been Applied? None.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See list of Appointments.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held? Smith's Chapel, Glass, N. C., on Southern Railway between Salisbury and Concord.

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

1902.

OFFICERS.

President—Bishop J. M. Walden, D. D.
Secretary—A. Graybeal, Lansing, N. C.
Assistant Secretary—A. L. Johnson.
Statistical Secretary—W. C. Haltom.
Assistant Statistical Secretary—W. K. Harris.
Treasurer—W. A. Patton.
Assistant Treasurer—J. H. Gillespie.

COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS.

President, A. Graybeal; Registrar, C. W. Matney.
For Admission—W. S. Fitch, J. H. Gillespie.
First Year—J. M. Heath, A. Graybeal.
Second Year—C. W. Smith, J. L. Dennis.
Third Year—C. F. Casstevens, J. L. Dennis.
Fourth Year—W. C. Haltom, W. C. Patton.

The following rules were adopted by the committee:

1st. All examinations must be the day before the next annual Conference.

9. What members are in Studies of Fourth Year? W. R. West, D. S. Richardson, J. C. Richardson, L. R. Huddlestone.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? (a). *Elected and Ordained Elders this year.* W. A. Patton, L. W. Corbett.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was attended to in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? A. S. Beaman and G. W. Matney to Holston.

15. Who have Died? A. J. Johnson, W. T. Owen.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? C. M. Warden.

17. Who have been Located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaint? None.

20. Who have been Expelled? None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? S. A. Earnhart, L. A. Rominger, D. S. Richardson.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Wm. Rawlings, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, M. W. Broyles, W. J. Evans.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? C. F. Casstevens, D. M. Matheson, J. M. Heath, W. A. Ballew, J. H. Patterson, J. L. Stephenson and N. M. Cooper.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? See Tables.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund. $400.

Statistics No. 1, Statesville District, Blue Ridge Conference, 1902.

Names of Charges.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sun. Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptised.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Par'sages	Probable Value	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Prop'ty	Present indebtedness on Church Prop'ty
Harmony	35	332	2	4	1	10	5	25	300	5	$2540	.	....	$ 40	.....	.....
Creston	40	306	4	2	...	19	5	20	175	4	2500	..	....	.....	.....	.....
Yadkin and Pilot	42	349	5	3	7	34	5	33	388	6	3000	1	$200	170	$ 100	$ 100
Caldwell	7	133	....	....	2	2	3	12	100	4	680	1	50	5	.....	.....
Troy	18	152	..	2	.....	18	4	16	100	3	900	1	100	.....	.....	.....
Chandler	40	320	1	2	10	20	6	24	350	6	2450	1	300	200	. ..	.....
Golden and Shelby	15	287	....	6	7	5	4	30	250	5	2090	..	....	10	.....	.....
Kings Mountain	29	187	2	6	9	7	5	32	250	5	2650	1	200	100	221	100
Trap Hill	8	402	5	....	...	.....	2	8	50	5	2050	1	300	.....	. ....	.....
Jefferson	20	375	6	2	.....	10	4	25	270	7	5000	1	400	.....	.....	.....
Huntersville	5	175	....	1	20	.....	3	18	200	4	2500	1	800	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone	3	273	2	1	.....	10	2	15	150	5	1100	1	500	600	.....	130
Wilkesboro	20	186	2	1	1	.....	3	10	240	4	2800	..	50	600	... .	.....
Alamance	8	42	1	...	3	5	1	3	40	..	.....	..	....	.....	... ..	... ..
New Salem	5	160	....	5	1	.....	4	23	150	6	2400	.	...	.....	10	.....
Boone	37	146	2	1	2	18	5	18	175	5	1800	..	....	4	.....	.. ...
Daisy and Greensboro	6	261	....	1	6	... .	6	36	327	6	5800	..	.....	32	.....	... ..
Zion	10	310	4	6	2	12	7	45	375	8	3600	..	....	.....	.....	.....
	348	4390	36	43	71	170	74	393	3890	88	43860	9	2900	1161	331	330

Statistics No, 3, Blue Ridge Conference, Statesville District, for 1902.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiencies.	Sup. of P. E's. Amount Apportioned.	Sup. of P. E's. Amount Paid.	Sup. of Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Sup. of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total Support: Pastors, P. E's and Bishops.	Con. Cl'm'st. Received from Collections.	Con. Cl'm'st. Total.	Cur. Ex'ps. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Cur. Ex'ps. Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
Alamance	N. M. Cooper	$ 40		$ 40	$ 40		40						$ 40			$ 10	6
Boone	E. J. Winkler	110		110	60		60	$ 50	10	$ 8			68				25
Caldwell	L. W. Corbett	35		35	50		50		10	8	$ 1	$ 1	59				
Chandler	W. S. Moore	200		200	170		170	30	25	27	1	1	196				
Creston	W. A. Patton	153		150	72		72	78	20	18	1	1	91	1	1		
Daisy and Greensboro	Wm. S. Fitch	300		300	195	$ 15	210	90	28	24	2	2	236	2	2		
Gladstone and Albemarle	Wm. C. Haltom	200	$ 40	240	155	40	195	45	25	28							
Yadkin and Pilot	S. C. Williams	130	12	142	66	12	78	52	25	19			97				
Golden and Shelby	F. A. L. Clark	185		185	144		144	41	25	26	1	1	171	2	2	5	16
Harmony	J. C. Richardson	200	25	225	140	9	149	76	25	25							
Huntersville	Jno. L. Dennis	184	40	224	175	40	215	9	16	16	1	1	241	1	1	20	
Jefferson	J. M. Heath	250	25	275	210	25	235	40	40	25			265				
Kings Mt. and Clifton	A. L. Johnson	215		215	179		179	37	30	30	2	2	211				
New Salem	J. N. S. Doub	100		100	50		50	50	12	10	1	1	63				
Trap Hill	H. D. Christenberry	250		250	80		80	170	30	11			91				
Troy	J. H. Gillespie	100		100	125		125		12	10	1	1	136	2	2		10
Wilkesboro	J. V. Moore	85		85	96		96		16	16			112				
Zion	C. M. Warden	200		200	150		150	50	25	25	1	1	176				
		2934	142	3076	2157	141	2298	818	374	325	12	12	2253	8	8	35	57

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Asheville	L. J. Penley	$175	$ 24	$199	$165	$ 24	$189	$ 10	$ 28	$ 21	...	...	$ 210	$ 1	$ 1	$ 10	20
Bakersville	Lee R. Huddlestone	100	...	100	90	...	90	10	27	14	....	...	104	20	20	50	35
Burnsville	J. B. Tucker	115	...	115	82	...	82	33	20	11	$ 1	$ 1	94	1	1	2	3
Culberson	W. A. Ballew	200	7	207	80	7	87	113	42	38	2	2	125	.....	.....	2	12
Clyde	J. L. Stephenson	350	75	425	275	75	350	75	50	45	2	2	397	2	2	45	40
Highlands	W. J. Evans	100	...	100	33	...	33	67	25	15	...	...	46	1	1	.....	.....
Irwin	M. A. West	190	32	222	115	32	147	75	36	32	1	1	180	1	1	5	...
Leicester	W. C. Matney	250	50	300	210	50	260	40	28	26	1	1	287	3	3	20	28
Marion	G. W. Matney	182	36	218	142	36	178	40	25	23	2	1	204	2	2	.....	.....
Montezuma	C. F. Casstevens	250	38	288	150	30	180	160	20	10	1	1	191	2	2	12	19
Pisgah	J. F. Matney	280	50	330	236	50	286	44	28	28	1	1	315	2	2	15	25
Sylva and Dellwood	W. R. West	135	...	135	85	...	85	50	25	13	...	...	98	1	1	.....	.....
Unaka	D. M. Matheson	85	...	85	77	...	77	8	25	25	1	...	102	1	1	1	5
		2412	304	2716	1740	304	2044	665	373	301	12	8	2353	37	37	174	187
	Statesville	2934	142	3076	2157	141	2298	818	374	325	12	12	2253	....	8	35	57
	Total	5346	446	5792	3897	445	4342	1483	747	626	24	20	4606	37	45	209	244
	Last Year	5276	423	5781	3465	442	3526	1787	686	567	17	15	3572	24	24	258	143
		70	23	8	434	3	816	...	61	59	7	5	1034	13	21	.....	101
		...	...	...	...	...	...	306	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	47	...	.....

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Asheville	5	187	1	3	5	11	4	32	140	3	$2100	1	$300	$ 110	.....	$ 80
Clyde	13	406	2	8	4	11	5	42	300	5	4800	1	600	800	.....	.....
Culberson	15	417	2	2	12	35	4	16	200	4	2000	2	300	100	.....	.....
Bakersville	40	140	2	..	4	.....	4	24	200	3	2600	1	200	.....	.....	.....
Burnsville	10	131	2	...	.	.....	2	10	100	2	1200	1	50	.....	..	.....
Delwood and Sylva	14	157	2	2	..	....	2	7	150	2	1200	1	125	.....	.....	.....
Highlands	8	103	2	2	5	7	5	18	200	4	2100	1	200	.....	.. ....	250
Irvin	2	161	....	1	....	.....	1	6	45	4	1500	1	300	.....	.....	.....
Leicester	15	242	....	2	7	10	3	25	240	4	3500	1	1000	50	.....	... ..
Marion	16	208	1	3	3	7	3	15	160	4	1700	1	400	.....	.....	.....
Montezuma	10	290	4	5	1	7	2	10	100	5	3300	1	550	.....	.....	.....
Pisgah	5	310	2	.....	...	5	4	24	200	3	3500	1	500	400	... .	. ...
Unaka	3	115	1	1	8	7	2	8	50	4	2300	1	100	.....	$4	125
	155	2967	21	29	49	100	41	227	2085	47	31800	14	4625	1460	4	455
Statesville	348	4660	36	43	71	170	74	393	3890	88	43860	9	2900	1161	331	330
Total	503	7057	57	72	120	270	115	620	5975	135	75660	23	7525	2621	335	785
Last Year	445	6547	63	59	118	320	113	653	5864	140	75815	22	7300	6112	150	1009
Gained	58	510		13	2	.....	2	...	111	...	.....	1	225	....	185	.....
Loss	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	50	....	33	....	5	155	...	..	3491	.....	224

Treasurer's Report, Blue Ridge Conference, Clyde District, 1902.

Names of Charges.	Missionary Society.		Church		Extension		Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.		Education.				Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund	Recapitulation.	
	Cash		Cash		Voucher		Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	(a) Public Educational Collection.	(b) Children's Fund.	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash	Total Cash.	Total Vouchers	Total Cash and Vouchers
Asheville	$ 9	00	.....		10	00	.....	.....	$16	00	.....	.....	.....	$6	00	$1	00	$16	00	$26	00	$42	00
Bakersville	.....		$1	00	2	00	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....		1	00	2	00	3	00
Burnsville	1	00	1	00	.....		.....	.....	3	00	.....	.....	.....	1	00	1	00	5	00	3	00	8	00
Clyde	8	00	.....		8	00	.....	.....	21	00	.....	.....	.....	1	00	2	00	13	00	29	00	42	00
Culberson	6	00	2	00	.....		.....	.....	7	00	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....		8	00	7	00	15	00
Dellwood and Sylvia	1	00	1	00	.....		.....	.....	8	00	.....	.....	.....	.....		1	00	3	00	8	00	11	00
Highlands	3	00	4	00	.....		.....	.....	25	00	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....		8	00	25	00	33	00
Irvin	10	00	.....		10	00	1	00	11	00	.....	.....	.....	2	00	1	00	16	00	21	00	37	00
Leicester	11	00	.....		10	00	1	00	16	00	$3	.....	.....	2	00	3	00	24	00	26	00	50	00
Marion	7	00	7	00	.....		3	00	.....		.....	.....	.....	2	00	2	00	19	00	11	00	31	00
Montezuma	6	00	6	00	.....		2	00	11	00	.....	.....	.....	3	00	2	00	20	00	11	00	34	00
Pisgah	10	00	.....		12	00	.....	.....	11	00	.....	.....	.....	.....		2	00	13	00	23	00	36	00
Unaka	3	00	.....		4	00	.....	1	00	16	00	.....	$5	.....		1	00	6	00	25	00	31	00
Total	75	00	22	00	56	00	2	00	6	00	156	00	3	5	1	00	18	00	17	00	8	00	152	00	217	00	369	00

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	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	(a) Public Education. Conference Collection.	(b) Children's Fund.	Cash.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Cash.	Total Cash.	Total Vouchers.	Total Cash & Vouchers.
Asbury	$ 3 00				$ 1 00			$ 1 00			$ 1 00						$ 3 00		$ 3 00
Asbury	15 63																19 63	1 00	20 63
Caldwell	3 50		$ 1 00			1 00		1 00					$ 1 00				8 00		8 00
Chandler	4 00																13 00	4 00	17 00
Creston	10 00		1 00		1 00			1 00		1 00	$ 1 00		1 00				23 00		23 00
Dusy and Greensboro	21 00		1 00		1 00	1 00		3 00	1 00	5 00	1 00		1 00		$ 1 00		42 00		42 00
Gladstone and Albemarle	10 00														2 00		20 00		20 00
Yadkin and Pilot	5 00																11 00		11 00
Golden and Shelby	11 00		1 00		1 00	1 00		3 00	1 00				1 00		2 00		27 00		27 00
Harmony	15 00		1 00		1 00			2 00					1 00		1 00		25 00		25 00
Huntersville	12 00		1 00		1 00	1 00							1 00		1 00		25 00		25 00
Jefferson	18 63		1 00					1 00			1 00		1 00		2 00		27 00		27 00
Kings Mt. and Clifton	5 00	25 00		20 00	2 00			1 00	1 00				3 00				60 00		60 00
New Salem	21 00	3 00		5 00	1 00			2 00					1 00		1 00		10 00	8 00	18 00
Trapphill	6 00																8 00		8 00
Troy	3 00	10 00	2 00	5 00	1 00		1 00	2 00			1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00		12 00	18 00	30 00
Willesboro	5 00		1 00					1 00									8 00		8 00
Zion	15 00		5 00					3 00					2 00		5 00		30 00		30 00
Statesville District, Total	166	38 00	48 00	34 00	11 00	5 00	1 00	27 00	6 00		4 00	6 00	18 00	1 00	15 00	11 00	326 00	76 00	402 00
Clyde District, Total	75 00		22 00	56 00	2 00			6 00		1 56	3 00	5 00	1 00		15 00	8 00	152 00	217 00	369 00
Grand Total	241	63 38	70 00	90 00	13 00	5 00	1 00	33 00	6 00	1 56	7 00	11 00	19 00	1 00	34 00	19 00	478 00	293 00	771 00

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SOUTHERN GENERAL CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARIES
1879. Jan..	Greensboro.	Bishop Peck.	E. O. Thayer.

CHANGED TO BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

1880. Jan 28, Feb. 1.	Concord.	Bishop Simpson.	W. G Matton.
1881. " 20-24.	Leicester.	" Warren,	"
1882. " 19-23.	Asheville.	" Foster,	"
1883. " 24-29.	Gastonia.	" Merrill.	"
1884 Jan. 30, Feb. 4.	Asheville.	" Bowman.	J. D. Robertson.
1885. Feb. 12-16	Clyde.	" Andrews.	J. D. Robertson.
1885. Oct. 1-5.	Gastonia.	" Mallalieu.	W. T. Ford.
1886. " 7-11.	Smith's Chapel.	" Walden.	W. T. Ford.
1887. " 19-23	Asheville.	" Mallalieu.	W Q. A. Graham.
1888. " 18-22.	Clyde.	" Fitzgerald.	"
1889 " 17-21.	Asheville.	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson.
1890. " 16-20.	Clyde.	" Joyce,	"
1891. " 21-25.	Asheville.	" Warren.	A. Graybeal.
1892. " 13-16.	Poindexter.	" Foss.	A. H. Gamble.
1893. " 12-16.	Daisy.	" Hurst.	W Q. A. Graham.
1894. Sept. 27, Oct. 1.	Smith's Chapel.	" Foster.	"
1895. Oct. 9-14	Clyde.	" Mallalieu.	A. Graybeal.
1896. Sept. 24-27.	Asheville.	" Mallalieu.	"
1897. Oct. 11-17.	Walkertown.	" Andrews.	"
1898. " 20-24.	Marion.	" Goodsell.	"
1899. " 19-22.	Seward.	" Fowler.	"
1900. " 4-8	Clyde.	" Cranston.	"
1901. " 24-27.	Montezuma.	" Goodsell.	"
1902. " 23-26.	Seward.	" Walden.	"
1903. " 7-10.	Glass.	" Joyce.	"

OUR DEAD.

NAME.	DIED.	ADMITTED	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Parker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1880	From N. C. Conference.
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference.
William Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference.
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1896	1880	From Holston
A. H. Peeples	1897	1895	On trial.
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial.
W. G. Matton	1901	——	From N. C. Conference.
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial.
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be:
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

—MRS. MAKAY.

CONFERENCE ROLL 1903.

NAME.	ORDER.	POSTOFFICE.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Casstevens, C. F.	Elder.	Walkertown	1890
Clark, F. A. L.	"	Glass	1884
Cooper, N. M.	"	Greensboro	1884
Dennis, J. L.	"	Gladstone	1891
Doub, J. N. S.	Deacon	Tarphill	1895
Ballew, W. A	Elder	Leicester	1885
Fiten, W. S	"	Gastonia	1874
Gillespie, J. H	"	Asheville, R. F. D.	1885
Heath, J. M	"	Poindexter	1892
Hartom, W. C	"	Montezuma	1898
Huddlestone, L. R	Deacon	Lansing	1899
Lanier, D. A	Elder	Catawba	1890
Matney, W. C	"	Hyde	1889
Matney, J. F	"	Clyde	1888
Matheson, D. M.	"	Teraseta.	1888
Moore, W. S.	Deacon	Troy	1897
Christanberry, H. D	Elder	Buck Shoals	1884
Penley, L. J.	"	King's Mountain	1888
Patton, W. A	"	Lansing	1898
Patterson, J. H.	"	Poindexter	1887
Smith, C. W	"	Tobaccoville, R. F. D.	1885
Stephenson, J. L.	"	Acton	1889
Tucker J. B	"	Old Fort	1895
Warden, C. M	Deacon	Yadkinsville	1895
Wimster, E. J.	Elder	Bakersville	1888
Richardson J. C.	"	Pinson	1896
Warden C. M.	Deacon	Yadkinville	1895

PROBATIONERS.

Johnson, A. L.	Deacon	Avondale, Tenn.	1895
Moore, J. V	Licentiate	Sylva	1901
Baumgartner J. I. A.	"	Athens, Tenn	1901
Blackwelder, W. R.	"	Matney	1902
Williams, S. C	Deacon	Troy	1901
Matney J. J.	Licentiate	Blantyne	1903
Miller, D. J.	"	Golden	1903
Matheson, M. A.	"	Unaka	1903

SUPERNUMERARY.

Earnhardt, S. A	Elder	Concord	

Rominger, L. A	"	Rural Vale, Tenn	1886
Richardson D. S	Deacon	Settle	1888
Graybeal, A	Elder	Montezuma	1882
West, W. R	"		1890

SUPERANUATES.

Rawlings, Wm	Elder		1889
Rhyne, J. J	"	Eupeptic Springs	1887
Evans, W. J	"	Canton	1888
Franklin, D. N	"	Sylva	1885
Broyles, M. W	"	Alto	1889

OFFICERS 1903.

President ..... Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D.
Secretary ..... A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
Assistant Secretary ..... W. C. Haltom
Statistical Secretary ..... W. S. Fitch, Gastonia, N. C.
Assistant Statistician ..... C. F. Casstevens
Treasurer ..... W. A. Patton, Lansing, N. C.
Assistant Treasurer ..... E. J. Winkler.

Committees.

EXAMINERS.

President ..... A. Graybeal. Registrar, W. C. Matney.
For Admission ..... W. A. Patton and W. C. Matney.
First Year ..... W. C. Haltom and J. H. Gillispie
Second Year ..... C W. Smith and D. M. Matherson.
Third Year ..... C. F. Casstevens and J. F. Matney.
Fourth Year ..... W. S. Fitch and J. L. Dennis.
For Local Orders ..... W. A. Ballew and J. M. Heath.

The following rules were addopted by the committee:

1st. All examinations must be the day before the next annual Conference.

2nd. All examinations must be in writing.

3rd. First named on each committee is chairman for that year. Each chairman is responsible for the work required of his committee.

4th. All questions must be in the hands of the President of the Board of Examiners one month before the next session of our annual Conference.

Confererence Board of Church Extension.

President ..... W. J. Evans, Canton, N. C.

Vice-President.....J. F. Matney
Secretary.....W. A. Ballew, Leicester N. C.
Treasurer.....J. M. Evans.
Additional members H. C. Shook, J. L. Stephenson, James Fowler, J. H. Gillispie. Presiding Elders, ex-officio members of the Board.

Officers, Preachers Relief Fund.

President, W. C. Matney, Clyde N. C., Treasurer, A. Graybeal, Lansing, N. C.

To preach the Missionary Sermon, W. C. Haltom, Alternate, H. D. Christenberry.

Conference Appointments.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

Lansing, N. C. . . . W. A. Patton, P. E.
Bakersville.....E. J. Winkler.
Boone.....W. R. Blackwelder.
Caldwell.....D. A. Lanier.
Creston.....to be supplied.
Jefferson.....L. R. Huddlestone.
Montezuma.....W. C. Haltom and one to be supplied
Traphill.....J. N. S. Doub.
Wilksboro.....J. H. Patterson.
Yadkin.....J. M. Heath, one to be supplied, D. C. Norman, J. L. A. Bumgarner, member Montezuma Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

W. C. Matney, Presiding Elder, Clyde, N. C.

Asheville.....J. H. Gillispie.
Culberson.....Supplied by D. C. Slagle.
Clyde.....J. F. Matney.
Irvin.....J. J. Matney.
Leicester.....W. A. Ballew.
Marion.....J. B. Tucker.
Piegah.....J. L. Stephenson.
Sylva.....J. V. Moore.
Terasita.....D. M. Matheson.
Unaka.....M. A. Matheson.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT,

C. W. Smith, Presiding Elder, Tobaccoville, N. C.

Chandler.....J. C. Richardson
Daisy.....C. F. Casstevens
Gladstone.....J. L. Dennis
Gastonia.....W. S. Fitch
Glass.....F. A. L. Clark
Greensboro.....N. J. Cooper
Harmony.....C. M. Warden
Henry.....D. J. Miller
Kings Mountain.....L. J. Penley
Troy.....S. C. Williams and W. S. Moore
Zion.....H. D. Christenberry

A. L. Johnson left without appointment to attend some one of our schools, member of Gastonia Quarterly Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTION.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Held in Smith's Chapel Glass, N. C., October 7-11, 1903.

Bishop Joyce, Presiding.
Adolphus Graybeal, Secretary.
Post Office of Secretary, Montezuma, N. C.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference? C. F. Casstevens, from the Holston.

2. Who have been Readmitted? Caleb M. Warden, located by Blue Ridge Conference 1902,

3. Who have been received on Credenials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In Study of First Year: James M. Matney, Doctor J. Miller and Martin A. Miller. (b) In Studies of Third Year: None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year: Wiley R. Blackewelder and L. A. Bumgarner. (b) In Studies of Second Year: Jesse V. Moore, Samuel C. Williams. (c) In studies of the third Year: None. (d) In

Studies of Fourth Year: None

6. Who have been Discontinued? None.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership? (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year: None. (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously: None.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year: None. (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously: Alpha L. Johnson, William S. Moore.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year. John N. D. Doub, William R. West, David S. Richardson, Caleb M. Warden, Lee R. Huddlestone.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and Ordained Elder this year: Joel C. Richardson. (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously: None.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers: Wiley Henson. (b) Under Missionary Rule: Samuel C. Williams.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? None. (a) As Local Deacons: None. (b) Under Missionary Rule: None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was strictly done as the Name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference? C. F. Casstevens, to Holston.

15. Who have Died? None.

16. Who have been Located at their own request? None.

17. Who have been Located? None.

18. Who have Withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

20. Who have been Expelled? None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? S. A. Earnhardt, L. A. Rominger, L. W. Corbett, Adolphus Graybeal, D. S. Richardson.

23. Who are the Supernannuated Preachers? William Rawlings, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, M. W. Broyles, W. J. Evans.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? J. F. Matney, E. J. Winkler, W. A. Patton, W. C. Haltom, F. A. L. Clark, J. H. Gillispie, Adolphus Graybeal.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?

	Answer	Increase	Decrease
Number of Probationers	424		79
Number of Full Members	6763		294
Number of Local Preachers	49		8
Number of Deaths	53		19
Number of Children Baptised	118		2
Number of Adults Baptised	293	23	
Number of Churches	133	2	
Probable Value Same	$78.395	$2.735	
Number of Parsonages	21		2
Probable Value of Same	$13.055	$5.530	
Paid for Building and Improvements Churches and Parsonages	1,120		$1,501
Paid on old Indebtedness	344	9	
Present Indebtedness	475		310
Number of Sunday Schools	117	2	
Number Officers Teachers	592		28
Number of Scholars all Grades	5800		175
Average Attendance	4042		
Number Members Home Department	140		
Number of Officers, Teachers, Church Members or Probationers	358		
Number Scholars Church Members Probationers	1130		
Number Converted During the Year	435		
Current Expenses of Schools	$ 450		
Claims for Pastors Support, Salary	5,721	$ 375	
House Rent	474	28	
Total	6.095	303	
Paid. Pastors Support, Salary	4.360	463	
House Rent	474	28	
Total	4.824	482	
Deficiency	1.536	53	

Claims for Presiding Elders	684		63
Paid	640	14	
Claims for Bishops	26	2	
Paid	24	4	
Total Support, Presiding Elders and Bishops	5488	882	
Paid for Conference Claimants	55	18	
Current Expenses Churches	241	32	
Collected for Missions Churches	309	105	
Sunday School	14		
Total	323	125	
Collected for Church Extension	110	26	
Collected for Sunday School Union	10		1
Collected for Tracts	9	3	
Collected for Freedmans Aid and Southern Educational Society	36	9	
Collected for Education, Public Collections	216	210	
Childrens Fund	15	6	
Collected for American Bible Society	6	2	
Collected for Woman's Foreign Mission Society	8	2	
Collected for Woman's Home Mission Society	21	2	
Collected for General Conference Expenses	23		

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $782.00

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? Not answered.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? $292.00 which has been applied under order of the Conference.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See List.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held? Clyde N.C.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Opening.—The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convened in Smith's Chapel, Glass, N. C., Wednesday morning October 7th, 1903 at 8:30 o'clock with Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D., L L. D. in the chair.

Devotional Services.—The prayer service was conducted by Dr. E. S. Dunham, of East Ohio Conference. The Bishop read selections from 43rd chapter of Isaiah and 11th chapter of 1st Corinthians and announced the hymn "Alas, and did my Savior Bleed." The bishop assisted by the presiding elders and Dunham, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This was a very precious service.

Roll Call.—The Conference roll was called by the Secretary of last session, and the following members and probationers were found to be present:

C. F. Casstevens, F. A. L. Clark, J. N. S. Doub, W. S. Fitch, A. Graybeal, J. H. Gillespie, W. C. Haltom, W. C. Matney, J. F. Matney, D. M. Matheson, L. J. Penley, W. A. Patton, J. C. Richardson, C. W. Smith, J. B. Tucker, E. J. Winkler, J. V. Moore, S. C. Williams, W. R. Blackwelder.

Secretaries.—Upon the nomination of C. W. Smith. A. Graybeal was re-elected secretary, and upon his nomination, W. C. Haltom was chosen assistant secretary.

Statistical Secretary.—W. S. Fitch was elected statistical secretary and C. F. Casstevens, assistant.

Treasurer.—W. A. Patton was elected Conference Treasurer and E. J. Winkler assistant.

Standing Committees.—The following standing committees were appointed:

1. *Public Worship.*—F. A. L. Clark and C. W. Smith.
2. *Benevolence.*—W. C. Haltom, L. J. Penley, A. L. Johnson.
3. *Education.*—A. Graybeal, W. S. Fitch A. L. Johnson.
4. *Reforms.*—J. F. Matney, W. A. Patton, and E. J. Winkler.
5. *Auditing.*—J. L. Dennis and J. N. S. Doub.
6. *Periodicals and Publishing Interests.*— J. L. Stephenson, L. R. Huddlestone and J. M. Heath.
7. *Epworth League.*—S. C. Williams, W. A. Ballew and J. C. Richardson.
8. *Conference Stewards.*—J. H. Patterson, L. J. Penley and C. F. Casstevens.
9. *State of the Church.*—J. Stephenson, L. W. Corbett and J. B. Tucker.
10. *Conference Relations.*—C. F. Casstevens, D. M. Matheson and F. A. L. Clark.
11. *Memoirs.*—H. D. Christenberry and A. L. Johnson.
12. *Church Extension.*—C. W. Smith, W. C. Matney and L. J. Penley.

Time for Meeting and Adjourning.—Upon motion of W. C. Matney 8:45 a. m. was selected as time for meeting and 12:00 m. for adjourning, first half hour to be devoted to prayer service.

Conference Bar.—Conference Bar was fixed so as to include the second windows from the pulpit.

Introductiosn. Rev. J. A. B. Fry pastor Central M. E. Church South, Concord, and Rev J. N. Huggins, Forest Hill, Concord, were introduced to the Conference. After a few well chosen remarks of commendation, the Bishop introduced Rev. Dr Dunham, who addressed the conference briefly.

Question 13. "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. W. C. Matney was called, his charater passed and he read his report as presiding elder of Clyde

District. C. W. Smith was called, passed in character and read his report as presiding elder of the Statesville District.

Upon motion of C. W. Smith, the pastors were requested to report the amount of their benevolent collections, improvements, number of conversions and accessions to the church.

The following effective elders were called, their character passed and they reported:

J. B. Tucker, E. J. Winkler, J. F. Matney, J. H. Gillespie, L. J. Perley, D. M. Matheson, W. A. Patton, C. F. Casstevens, J. L. Dennis, F. A. L. Clark, A. Graybeal and W. S. Fitch.

The following passed in character but were not present to report:

W. A. Ballew, J. L. Stephenson, D. A. Lanier, J. H. Patterson, N. M. Cooper, L. W. Corbett, J. M. Heath and H. D. Christenbury.

Question 14. "Who have been transferred and to what Conference?" was taken up. It was announced that C. F. Casstevens had been transferred to the Holston Conference.

Question 1. "Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?" was taken up. When it was announced that C. F. Casstevens, was transferred from the Holston Conference.

Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Fry.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met persuant to adjournment at 8:45 a. m. with Bishop Joyce in the chair. Dr. Dunham conducted a pentecostal prayer meeting closing at 9:15, after which the conference business was resumed.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Roll of absentees was called and the following answered to their names:

L. W. Corbett, L. R. Huddlestone, J. H. Patterson, J. L. Stephenson and D. S. Richardson. By motion further roll call was dispensed with.

Statistics.—Statistics were passed to the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

Question 30. Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. W. C. Matney nomitated Clyde. The invitation was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Question 22. "Who are the Supernumerary preachers?"was taken up. S. A. Earnhardt and L. A. Rominger were continued.

Question 23. "Who are the Superannuated preachers?" was taken up. Wm. Rawlings, J. J. Rhyne, W. J. Evans, D. N. Franklin and M. W. Broyles were continued.

A letter from the guardian of Rev. R. M. Witt's children and one concerning Rev. D. N. Franklin were referred to Conference Stewards.

Question 5. "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. W. R. Blackwelder and J. L. A. Bumgarner were continued on trial in studies of the first year. J. V. Moore and S. C. Williams were continued on trial and advanced to studies of the second year.

Question 3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches?" None.

A. Graybeal, Treasurer of Conference Relief Fund read his report. Report was adopted and ordered published in the Journal.

Upon motion of W. C. Matney the following was adopted: It is the Judgment of this Conference that inasmuch as the sum of $485.65 in cash was turned over to C. B. Moore, Treasurer of our Conference Relief Fund by his predecessor, we believe that he should be held responsible for the same and we respectfully ask him to pay the amount with interest to our present treasurer. A committee consisting of W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal and J. L. Stephenson was appointed to wait upon Bro. Moore and inform him of the above action.

Question 9. "What members are in the studies of the 4th year?" was taken up. W. R. West and D. S. Richardson were continued in studies of the 4th year. L. R. Huddlestone was sent before the committee for examination. J. C. Rich-

ardson passed in studies and upon recommendation of his Presiding Elder, elected to Elders orders.

Mr. Jennings representative of our Book concern was introduced to the Conference. Also Rev. A. J. Crane, of the Presbyterian church.

Drafts—The Bishop announced that the Conference is entitled to $168. from Book Concern divide and $22. from Chartered fund. Drafts were made in favor of conference Treasurer.

The apportionment to our Conference for the Episcopal fund was referred to Presiding Elder $37.

Secretary read report of Book concerns.

Announcements were made, doxology sung and benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met persuant to adjournment at 8:45 A. M., pentecostal prayer meeting was conducted by Dr. Dunham. Bishop Joyce called house to order.

Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Question 9 Resumed. W. R. West was placed on the supernumerary list and continued in the studies of the 4th year. J. N. S. Doub was advanced to studies of the 4th year.

Question 8 Resumed. W. Moore was continued in studies of 3rd year.

On motion 10:30 to day was set apart as time for the election of a delegate to the general Conference.

A. Graybeal read the report on Education. Report adopted. Dr. Prentiss made a stiring talk on the work of Grant University.

Question 24. "Who are the triers of appeals?" J. F. Matney, E. J. Winkler, W. A. Patton, W. C. Haltom,. F. A. L. Clark, A. Graybeal and J. H. Gillispie.

Dr. J. S. Petty, publisher of the Methodist Advocate Journal, addressed the Conference in interest of the paper.

The order of the day was called for the election of a dele-

gate to the General Conference. J. F. Matney and L. J. Penley were appointed tellers. On the 3rd ballot C. W. Smith having received a majority vote was declared elected. W. C. Matney was elected reserve delegate.

Upon motion of A. L. Johnson the Lay Electoral Conference was invited to visit us tomorrow at 10:00 o'clock. J. F. Matney and F. A. L. Clark were appointed to convey the invitation to them. Bishop Joyce was requested to address the Conference at that hour.

Question 26. "What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?" $782.

Question 11. "What others have been elected and ordained deacons?" was taken up. S. C. Williams under the Missionary rule.

L. R. Huddlestone read reports on Periodicals. Report adopted.

Question 4. "Who have been admitted on trial?" was taken up. James J. Matney was admitted and required to bring up the book on English and American Literature. Doctor J. Miller and Martin A. Matheson were admitted. The presiding elder was authorized to employ D. C. Slagle as a supply.

On Motion of W. C. Matney, W. R. West was referred to the Conference Stewards for aid.

Announcements were made and benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference met at 8:45, Bishop Joyce in the chair. Dr. Dunham conducted devotions.

Question 11 resumed. Wiley Henson was elected to deacon's orders as a local preacher.

Question 2 was taken up. C. M. Warden, who was located at his own request last year was readmitted. In studies of the 4th year.

Question 9 resumed. L. R. Huddlestone was continued in studies of 4th year.

Question 22 resumed. D. S. Richardson was continued. L. W. Corbett and A. Graybeal, were granted a Supernumerary relation.

By vote the Treasurer of Conference Relief fund was required to give a bond of $2,500.

S. C. Williams read report on Epworth League—report adopted.

Auditing Committee reported. Adopted.

W. C. Matney read report on state of the church. Adopted.

J. H. Patterson read report of Stewards. Report recommitted.

Report on Church Extension read by C. W. Smith. Adopted

S. C. Wiliams read a resolution asking that all the money coming to us from the Board of Church Extension be given to Troy. A motion to amend was made by W. C. Matney that the sum shall be divided according to districts.

Stewards reported. Report as amended adopted.

Benevolences— W. C. Haltom read report which was adopted.

Question 25. "What is the statistical report for this year? See report which was adopted and ordered published in journal. On motion of W. S. Fitch, Statistical table No 2. was ordered published in Journal.

W. A. Patton read Treasurers report. Adopted, and ordered published in the Journal.

By motion our printed Journal was adopted as the official record.

Report on Reforms read by J. M. Matney

On motion the Presiding elders were appointed to nominate the standing committees for next year.

A. Graybeal and Dr. Fitch appointed a committee on resolutions.

At 10 o'clock according to appointment the Lay Conference visited us and was addressed by the Bishop. Clerical and lay delegates were introduced to Conference, also president and secretary of lay electoral conference.

On motion of J. L. Dennis the plan of last year for publishing minutes was adopted, viz: The presiding elders becomes responsible for his pastors in payment for the job. Each pastor and presiding elder, paying $1.25. The presiding elder retaining the amount from the 1st quarters missionary installment. Price of Minuts changed from 10c to 15c.

A. Graybeal was appointed to report proceedings to Associate journal.

Class for admission took tobacco pledge.

On motion it was ordered that when the appointments shall have been read tomorrow night we stand adjourned *sine die.*

Benediction pronounced by the bishop.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Dr. Dunham preached and conducted pentecostal service. A. Graybeal read report of committee on resolutions. Adopted.

Bishop read appointments.

Conference adjourned *sine die*

certify that this is the official Journal of 25th session of Blue Ridge Conference.

I. W. Joyce, President

A. Graybeal, Secretary.

This certifies that on the 11th day of October, 1903, in Smith's Chapel, Glass, N. C., under an election by the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, I did ordain as Deacons: Samuel C. Williams and Wiley Henson. And the same day in the same place under the election of the above named Conference, and assisted by elders, I did ordain as elder, Joel C. Richardson.

Glass, N. C., October 12, 1903. Signed, Isaac W. Joyce.

Laymen's Association.

The laymen of Blue Ridge Conference met according to adjournment at Smith's chapel, 2 p. m., Saturday. J. T. Warren, chairman of Lay Electoral Conference, in the chair. After devotional exercises led by Rev. A. L. Johnson permanent organization was effected by election of the following officers:

J. T. Warren, president; J. M. Long, vice-president; Mrs. Belle T. Anderson, secretary.

On motion of J. M. Long, committee on constitution and by-laws was appointed as follows: Mrs. Belle T. Anderson, J. M. Long, Miss Jennie Matney, J. J. Kennedy and George Wilson.

On motion of M. A. Matheson pastors were asked to give names of laymen on charges not represented by delegates, for further correspondence regarding the work.

On motion, the secretary was authorized to act as corresponding secretary.

Meeting adjourned to next annual conference, Clyde, N. C.

J. W. Warren, Pres.
Belle T. Anderson, Sec.

Lay Electoral Conference.

The Blue Ridge Electoral Conference convened at Smith's Chapel, Glass, N. C., Oct. 9, 1903. Devotions conducted by Rev. Wiley Henson. The following members were present:

Miss Jennie Matney, Boone charge; D. C. Slagle, Irvin charge; G. T. White, Zion; M. A. Matheson, Culberson; J. J. Kennedy, Gastonia; J. M. Long, Daisy; J. W. Warren, Pisgah; J. S. Elliot, Marion; C. W. Smith, Traphill; J. W. Arnold, Creston; George Wilson, Clyde; Miss Aura Ray, Asheville; L. B. Dennis, Troy; Mrs. Belle T. Anderson, Bakersville; J. D. Murphy, Huntersville; Moses Day, Gladstone-Baxter White, Roans Mills.

J. T. Warren was elected chairman and M. A. Matheson, secretary. L. B. Dennis and George Wilson were appointed tellers,

Election of a delegate was next in order. The vote resulted in the election of John M. Long as delegate and John T Warren reserve.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow p. m. to organize a Laymen's Association.

J. T. Warren, Pres.
M. A. Matheson, Sec.

REPORTS.

EDUCATION.

We most heartily commend the excellent work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished for the church through the Board of Education. We especially approve of the emphasis laid upon educational excellence and genuine spirituality as the true ideal for our schools. We note with satisfaction the report of special gifts to the Board of Education and unreservedly commend it to the benevolence of our people, particularly those who are able to make large gifts.

We urge that Children's Day be observed and a collection taken in every charge according to the discipline.

We are greatly pleased to hear of the growing prosperity of Grant University, and we acknowledge our indebtedness to that institution for the valuable services it has rendered those of our young people who have been students within her halls. We most heartily endorse Grant University in its great work both classic and professional, and we pray that God will continue to raise up friends for the Institution who will be able to contribute to its endowment, that a still broader field of usefullness may be entered upon and occupied by this great Institution.

We are pleased with the work our schools have done during the year.

Resolved, That we pledge anew our sympathy and support to our community schools and academies and commend them to the patronage of our people.

Resolved, That we will preach or lecture on the subject of Education on our several charges during the coming year.

A. Graybeal,
W. S. Fitch,
A. L. Johnson.

PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals offer the following:

We believe no better literature is published than that which is published by our own presses. Our church paper and Sunday school literature has no superior for cleanliness, neatness, and fills its mission to the highest standard in all of our homes and Sunday schools.

Be it resolved therefore that we as members of the Blue Ridge Conference do all we can to displace all other publications an put our own pub lications in all our homes and Sunday schools.

S. R. Huddlestone.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are thankful to Almighty God for the signal favors He has bestowed upon our labors during the past year. We are exceedingly glad to note

the marked evidences of a very great spiritual movement among our people. Our people have never been more spiritual than at present. We are glad also to know that so many of our people are becoming interested in Christian education. Our entire field is upon an up grade movement. We recommend and urge special prayer for our work and people in the bounds of the Blue Ridge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. STEPHENSON.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We the Auditing Committee report that we have examined the Presiding Elder's accounts and find them correct.

J. L. DENNIS,
J. N. S. DOUB.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whereas, the Church Extension Society of the M. E. Church has been of such material benefit to our work in the south and especially in the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference, having aided in the erection of about 150 churches in our Conference, and whereas much remains to be done yet in our midst.

Resolved First. That we will put forth our best efforts to increase our collections for church extension, endeavoring to secure an offering from every member of our respective charges.

Resolved Second. That we will take the church Extension collections the first quarter of the Conference year.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. SMITH.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

RECEIPTS.

From Book Concern, Dividends	$168 00
" Chartered Fund	22 00
" Conference Collections	62 00
Interest on Conference Relief Fund	40 00
Total	$292 00

DISBURSMENTS.

Rev. D. N. Franklin, W. C. Matney	$ 50 00
Mrs. T. W. Matney, J. F. Matney	40 00
Wm. Rawlings, by letter	15 00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton, L. J. Penley	40 00
Mrs. E. Anderson, paid to her	40 00
Mrs. W. T. Owen, paid to her	45 00

Mrs. A. J. Johnson, G. T. White	30 00
Mrs. J. M. Rominger, W. C. Haltom	10 00
Rev. W. R. West, L. J. Penley.	20 00
Total	$290 00

Leaving on hand $2.

Respetfully submitted.
J. H. PATTERSON.
C. F. CASSTEVENS.
L. J. PENLEY.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We recognize in the Sunday School one of the most important factors in the religious and educational life. Not only of our own age, but of the ages to come. The total Sunday School population in the United States is more than 13,150,000 of whom there are in the Methodist Episcopal Church 32,390 schools with 351,402 officers and teachers, and more than 2,788,429 scholars. We believe that literature for the Sunday School, supplied by the Methodist Episcopal church and published by our own book concern is the best for the purpose that can be obtained. Therefore we earnestly request all pastors and people to use our own literature.

We also see the importance of giving special and immediate attention to the organization of the Epworth League chapters throughout our Conference.

Therefore, be it Resolved—That the pastors acquaint themselves with the League and proceed to organize chapters on their several charges during the coming year.

S. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman.
J. C. RICHARDSON.

BENEVOLENCES.

We your committee beg leave to submit the following plan:

1. That during the first quarter of the coming Conference year, we will take the collection for education and church extention.

2. We will raise the amount asked for missions, observing Easter Sunday as Missionary Children's day.

3. The third quarter shall be set apart as the period when we will make a special effort to raise the amount asked by Freedmans Aid and Southern Educational Society, Observing Children's Day, the Second Sunday in June.

4. We will make up any deficiencies and present the claims of the Sunday School Union Tract Society and American Bible Society during the fourth quarter.

5. We pledge ourselves that we will increase these collections at least 25 per cent.

W. C. HALTOM,
L. J. PENLEY.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved. That we heartily thank the people of this community for their hospitality and kindness to the clerical and lay conference and visitors. Also the pastor, Rev. F. A. L. Clark, for his faithfulness in looking after the temporal needs of the Conference.

Resolved. That we are delighted with the official visit of our beloved Bishop Joyce, to our Conference. We are pleased with the able and careful way in which he has conducted our Conference. We are encouraged and helped by his addresses and sermons. His presence has been a great uplift to our Conference, and we will be glad to have him with us again.

Resolved. That by a rising vote we thank Dr. Dunham for his visit to our Conference. We appreciate and endorse the doctrine of holiness so clearly and forcefully held forth in his sermons. His sermons and presence have proven a great blessing to us, and we will be glad to see him at any and all of our Conference sessions.

A. GRAYBEAL.

Resolved. That our thanks are hereby tendered to our Secretaries for their services during the session of our annual Conference.

J. L. DENNIS.

GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal church at its meeting in November, 1902, gave to the Blue Ridge Conference the sum of $2,600.00 to aid us in our work in our various charges, and the following report shows how the money has been disposed of:

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

To the District	$ 75 00
Bakersville	100 00
Boone	80 00
Caldwell	70 00
Creston	40 00
Montezuma	95 00
Traphill	70 00
Wilksboro	70 00
Yadkin	70 00
Total	$670 00

CLYDE DISTRICT

To the District	$200 00
Asheville	80 00
Culberson	90 00
Irvin	75 00
Leicester	80 00

Marion	90 00
Pisgah	90 00
Sylva	80 00
Tersita	110 00
Unaka	75 00
Total	$970 00

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

To the District	$200 00
Chandler	80 00
Daisey	60 00
Gladstone	80 00
Gastonia	75 00
Glass	90 00
Greensboro	60 00
Harmony	50 00
Henry	60 00
King's Mountain	90 00
Troy	50 50
Zion	65 00
Total	$960 00
Grand total	$2,600 00

W. C. MATNEY, Chairman.
C. W. SMITH, Secretary.

I approve the above Missions and appropriations. ISAAC W. JOYCE.

CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND

One note given by S. L. Franklin, April 8, 1902, for $100., secured by real estate.

One note given by Bulo Gouge, October 15, 1902 for $40., secured by real estate.

One note given by A. H. Gamble December 12, 1892 for $100, less $40, paid.

J. R. Cannon, one not dated November 1, 1894 for $28, one note dated November 15, 1893 for $24, one note dated August 2, 1895 for $50.

M. F. Presnell and wife one note dated May 2, 1901 for $212 less $40 paid. Real estate security.

Bethel M. E. Church, one note dated November 4, 1893 for $50. Trustees notes.

W. A. Patton, one note dated Sept. 3, 1903 for $115.

Amount cash on hand $130.96.

Amount due by C. B. Moore $485.65.

The above notes are drawing interest from date.

A. GRAYBEAL, Treasurer.

STATISTICS No. 1. STATESVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1903.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'vig Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Caldwell	7	170	..	..	18	12	4	16	150	4	$ 680	1	$ 50	$ 20		....
Chandler	35	356	..	1	15	20	5	23	40	6	2450	..	...	...		...
Creston	20	220	3	..	..	60	5	20	200	5	2500	..	....	...		....
Daisy	15	250	1	4	1	17	4	16	200	5	5200	1	100	75		....
Forge	6	90	1	2	4	8	1	7	40	1	400	..	...	...		....
Gastonia	8	110	1	...	3	..	4	18	150	3	1900	1	200	50	100	..
Gladstone	..	225	1	3	10	3	3	15	150	4	1500	1	500	25	130	....
Greensboro	..	90	3	1	..	10	3	15	150	3	1800	..	....	....	35	....
Harmony	35	339	2	3	..	3	4	25	300	5	2540	..	.....	....	....	....
Henry	8	172	..	2	15	1	3	20	175	4	2000	..	....	..	....	....
Huntersville	8	180	..	3	8	1	2	14	95	4	2600	1	800	150	..	....
Jefferson	22	394	7	1	11	22	5	21	280	7	5000	1	400	40	...	.
Trap Hill	2	402	2	3	..	1	2	18	100	5	2200	1	330	30	....	....
Troy	32	224	1	..	3	..	7	30	265	5	2000	1	150	125	...	....
Wilkesboro	26	159	3	1	..	20	4	16	200	4	2500	.	.....	100	...	....
Yadkin	10	275	4	4	1	9	3	20	200	5	2000	1	250	50	75	25
Zion	12	322	1	3	1	7	7	25	300	8	3600	..	..	....	.	...
Total this year	546	3878	30	31	90	201	66	319	2995	78	40,870	9	2780	465	340	25
Total last year	348	4390	36	43	71	170	74	393	3890	78	43,860	9	2900	1161	331	330
Increase	...	....	..	..	19	31	..	...	....	..	.. ..	..	....	....	9	.....
Decrease	102	512	6	12	..	...	8	74	895	..	2990	.	220	996	....	305

STATISTICS No. 1. CLYDE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1903.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Ashville	...	160	1	2	2	..	3	24	200	3	$ 2935	1	$ 600	$ 200	$....	$ 80
Bakersville	39	300	2	..	..	4	3	20	105	5	1500	1	200	10	.....	... .
Boone	14	161	3	..	2	6	2	24	345	5	1500	...	....	....	..	.....
Clyde	20	415	2	3	8	10	7	53	350	6	5400	1	800	300	.....	.....
Culberson	15	173	2	2	3	3	4	16	140	2	1600	1	250	45	.....	.....
Irwin	2	158	...	1	.	1	4	24	120	5	2000	1	175	....	...	.....
Leicester	14	230	..	1	..	1	4	20	200	4	3500	1	1000	....	.....	.....
Marion	10	334	..	3	3	15	5	25	220	5	2200	1	400	....	.....	.....
Montezuma	17	271	3	1	4	25	5	28	280	5	4000	1	600	....	... ..	.....
Pisgah	14	290	2	7	3	11	4	26	275	3	2400	1	600	100	..	.....
Roanes Mills	3	182	2	2	3	16	1	6	40	4	2000	2	500	....	.....	100
Sylva	15	96	1	..	..	...	1	4	40	4	3000	..	....	....	.....	.....
Unaka	15	115	1	..	..	..	2	5	100	4	2500	1	150	....	....	.....
Total this year	178	2885	19	22	28	92	50	269	2505	55	37.525	12	5275	655	...	780
Total last year	155	2967	21	29	49	100	41	227	2085	47	31.800	14	4625	1460	4	455
Increase	23	....	..	..	....	....	9	42	420	8	5725	..	650	....	...	325
Decrease	....	82	2	7	21	8	..	...	..	..	....	2	....	805	..	.....
Recapitulation by Districts:																
Clyde	178	2885	19	22	28	92	50	269	2505	55	37.525	12	5275	655	4	455
Statesville	246	3878	30	31	90	201	66	319	2995	78	40.870	9	7780	465	340	25
Total this year	424	6763	49	53	118	293	116	588	5500	133	78.395	21	13,055	1120	344	475
Total last year	503	7057	57	72	120	270	115	620	5975	135	75.660	23	7525	2621	335	785
Increase	...	....	..	..	..	23	1	....	....	...	2735	..	5530	...	9	.....
Decrease	79	294	8	19	2	...	...	32	475	2	....	2	...	1501	...	310

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Dep'rtm't.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. Converted during the year.	Current Expenses.
STATESVILLE DISTRICT.									
Caldwell	4	16	150	100		16	100	10	3
Chandler	6	24	350	250					
Creston	5	20	200	200					
Daisy	4	16	200	130		16		20	16
Forge	1	7	40	25		7		3	
Gastonia	4	18	150	96		13		3	
Gladstone	3	15	150	100		15	100	12	25
Greensboro	3	15	150	150		10		15	25
Harmony	4	25	300	70	20			3	
Henry	3	20	175	90		19		4	9
Huntersville	2	14	95	62		14		2	10
Jefferson	5	21	280	190		21		19	19
Trap Hill	2	12	100	60	100	10	60		6
Troy	7	30	265	172					15
Wilkesboro	4	16	200	150		12		10	15
Yadkin	3	20	200	150		12	100	10	5
Zion	7	25	300	250			200	8	5
Total this year	67	314	3305	2425	120	165	560	149	153
Total last year	74	393	4890						57
Increase									96
Decrease	7	79	585						
CLYDE DISTRICT.									
Ashville	3	24	200	150		24			40
Bakersville	3	20	195	162		20		40	30
Boone	7	24	345	225					20
Clyde	7	53	350	280		37	200	25	50
Columbus									
Culberson	4	16	140	120		12	100	30	18
Irvin	4	24	120	75		22			10
Leicester	4	20	200	150		15	75	1	15
Marion	5	25	220	160		20		10	25
Montezuma	5	28	280	200		28		150	35
Pisgah	4	26	275	160		20	150	20	40
Roanes Mills	1	6	40	35	20	6	20	10	6
Sylva	1	4	40			4	25		5
Unaka	2	8	100	60		5			3
Total this year	50	278	2495	1797	20	193	570	286	297
Total last year	41	227	2085	2245					187
Increase				4042					
Decrease									
Recapitulation by Districts.									
Clyde	50	278	2495		20	193	570		297
Statesville	67	314	3305		120	165	560		153
Total this year	117	592	5800		140	358	1130	286	450
Total last year	115	620	5975					149	244
Increase	2							435	106
Decrease		28	175						

STATISTICS No. 3, STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Support P. Elders Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Bishops Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Sup't. Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	Conf'r-ence Claim-ants Collections	Total.	Current Expe'ses Church: Sex-ton, light, fuel	S.S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Caldwell	D. A. Lanier	$ 55	$	$ 55	$ 50		$ 50	$ 5	$ 10	$ 10	$ 1	1	61	$	$ 1	$	$ 3
Chandler	W. S. Moore	160		160	120		120	40	25	22			142				
Creston	W. R. Patton	100		100	85		85	15	18	18			103		3		
Daisy	C. F. Casstevens	280		280	204		204	76	30	30	1	1	235		1		16
Forge	J. H. Patterson	35		35	27		27	8	10	9			37				
Gastonia	W. S. Fitch	220		220	148		148	72	25	18	2	2	168		2		
Gladstone	J. L. Dennis	225	40	265	163	$ 40	203	62	25	23	1	1	227		2	15	25
Greensboro	N. M. Cooper				50		50			2						10	15
Harmony	J. C. Richardson	200	18	218	128	18	146	72	25	20	1	1	167		2		
Henry	L. W. Corbett	120			75		75	45	25	13			88				9
Huntersville	F. A. L. Clark	178	40	218	115	40	155	63	20	20	1	1	176		2	5	10
Jefferson	A. Graybeal	308	25	333	231	25	256	77	33	33	1	1	290		1		19
Trap Hill	J. N. S. Doub	225	12	237	100	12	112	125	20	20	1	1	133		1		6
Troy	S. C. Williams	235		235	146		146	89	25	34			177			20	15
Wilkesboro	C. M. Warden	85		85	96		96		20	10	1	1	107				15
Yakin	J. M. Heath	200	25	225	120	25	145	80	20	8	1	1	154		32		5
Zion	H. D. Christenberry	280		280	206		206	74	30	28							5
Total this year		2906	160	3066	2064	160	2224	903	371	318	11	11	2553	25	24	50	143
Total last year		2934	142	3076	2157	142	2298	818	374	325	12	12	2253	8	8	35	57
Increase			18			18		85					300	17	16	15	86
Decrease		28		10	93		74		3	7	1	1					

STATISTICS No. 3, CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiencies.	Support P. Elders Amount Apportioned.	Support P. Elders Amount Paid.	Support Bishops Amount Apportioned.	Support Bishops Amount Paid.	Sup't. Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	Conf'rence Claimants. Collections	Conf'rence Claimants. Total.	Current Expe'ses Church: Sexton, light, fuel	Current Expe'ses S.S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Ashville	R. L. Huddlestone	$190	$40	$ 230	$ 170	$ 40	$ 210	$ 20	$ 25	$ 29	$ 1	$ 1	$ 234	$ 5	$ 5	$ 60	$ 60
Bakersville	J. B. Tucker	245	12	250	120	12	132	113	25	25	1	1	158	1	1	30	30
Boone	E. J. Winkler	125	...	125	70	...	70	55	10	10	1	1	81	...	...	3	15
Clyde	J. F. Matney	385	75	410	336	75	411	49	50	60	2	2	473	8	8	50	50
Culberson	M. A. Ballew	120	10	130	95	10	105	28	25	25	1	1	131	1	1	5	18
Irwin	D. C. Slagle	200	...	200	133	...	133	69	32	32	1	1	164	4	4	...	10
Leicester	J. H. Gillespie	250	50	300	250	50	300	...	28	28	1	1	329	5	5	10	15
Marion	L. J. Penley	250	...	250	266	...	266	...	25	26	1	1	294	...	...	...	25
Montezuma	W. C. Haltom & W. B. Blackwelder	300	48	348	240	48	288	60	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	35
Pisgah	J. L. Stephenson	250	75	325	205	75	280	45	28	28	2	2	310	2	2	25	20
Roanes Mills	D. M. Matheson	150	...	150	136	...	136	14	20	20	2	1	157	1	1	3	6
Sylva	W. R. West	150	...	150	20	...	20	130	25	21	1	...	41	1	1	3	5
Unaka	J. V. Moore	100	4	104	50	4	54	50	24	24	1	1	79	...	...	...	5
Total this year		2715	314	3029	2296	314	2600	633	317	322	15	13	2935	30	30	191	292
Total last year		2412	304	2716	1744	304	2044	665	373	301	12	8	2353	37	37	174	187
Increase		303	10	313	556	10	556	...	...	21	3	5	582	...	...	27	105
Decrease		...	...	...	...	...	...	32	56	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...
Recapitulation by Districts																	
Clyde	W. C. Matney	2715	314	3066	2264	314	2600	633	317	322	15	13	2935	30	30	191	292
Statesville	C. W. Smith	2906	160	3029	2096	160	2224	903	371	318	11	11	2553	25	24	50	143
Total this year		5721	474	6095	4360	474	4824	1536	684	640	26	24	5488	55	54	241	435
Total last year		5346	446	5792	3897	445	4342	1483	747	626	24	20	4606	37	15	209	244
Increase		375	28	303	463	29	482	53	...	14	2	4	282	18	9	32	191
Decrease		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

STATISTICS NO. 4. STATESVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE. 1903.

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS														
	Missions							Education							
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Sch'l	Total	Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's A. & So. Ed. S.	(a) Public Educat'nal Collection	(b) Children's Fund	American Bible Society	Woman's For. Miss'y Society	Woman's Hme Miss'y Society	Gen. Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund
Caldwell	3		$ 3	$ 1										$ 1	$ 1
Chandler	5		5	2				$ 1		$ 1		$ 1			
Creston		$ 7	7	1	$ 1		$ 1			1	$ 1	1	$ 1	3	
Daisy	20		20	3			1	1				2	1	1	1
Forge	1	1	2											1	
Gastonia	5	2	7	7	1			1							
Gladstone	12		12	5			1			1	1	1	1	2	1
Greensboro	5		5	1										2	2
Harmony	10		10	5			2		$ 1			1	1	2	1
Henry	14		14	2	1						1	2			
Huntersville	12		12	5		$ 1	6	5			1	1		2	
Jefferson	15		15	2	1		3	2				2	1	1	1
Trap Hill	15		15	5		1					1	1		1	1
Troy	7		7	5											
Wilkesboro	5		5	5				2			1	2		2	
Yadkin	8		8	2									1	2	
Zion	12		12	5	1	1	2	2					2	7	
Total this year	149	10	159	55	5	3	16	14	1	3	6	13	8	27	8
Total last year	304		204	82	11	6	27	6	9	4	6	19		17	13
Increase								8				6		10	
Decrease	55		45	27	6	3	11		8	1					3

STATISTICS NO. 4. CLYDE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE. 1903.

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS														
	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's A. & So. Ed. Z.	Education'l		American Bible Society	Woman's For. Missy Society	Woman's Home Missy Society	Gen. Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund
	(a) Church	(b) SundaySchl	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children'sFund						
Ashville	$ 10		$ 10	$ 5			$ 1	$ 5					$ 2	$ 5	$ 1
Bakersville	1		1	1				56						1	1
Roone	6		6	2	$ 1	$ 1		1							1
Clyde	50		50	15	1	1	5	10	$ 5	$ 1			2	8	2
Culberson	6		6	2				56	1					1	1
Irwin															
Leicester	15	$10	25	1	1	3	10	3	1	1	$ 1		3	5	1
Marion	10		10	10	1	1		9		1	1	$ 3	2	5	1
Montezuma	15		15	5			4	4	3					2	
Pisgah	10		10	5				5	2			2	2	2	2
Roanes Mill	4		4					1						2	1
Sylva	2		1	2				27				1	1	1	1
Unaka	2		1					15					1		1
Total this year	160	10	170	55	5	6	20	205	14	3	2	8	15	35	14
Total last year	75	22	56	28	2		6	156	8		1	18		17	8
Increase	85		114		3	6	14	49	6	3	1		15	28	6
Decrease		12		23								10			
Recapituletion by Districts															
Clyde	160	10	170	55	5	6	20	202	14	3	2	8	15	35	14
Statesville	149	4	158	55	5	3	16	11	1	3	6	13	8	27	8
Total this year	309	14	327	110	10	9	36	516	15	6	8	21	23	62	22
Total last year	204		201	84	11	6	27	6	9	1	6	19		17	11
Increase	105		125	26		3	9	210	6	2	2	2		15	11
Decrease					1										

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Missionary Society		Education				Church Extension		Education								Woman's Missionary Society		Woman's Missionary Society		Conference Expenses		Conference Claimants		Episcopal Fund		RECAPULATION		
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Total
STATESVILLE DIST.																													
Caldwell	$ 3		$ 1																		$ 1		$ 1		$ 6		$ 5		
Chandler	5		2								1				$ 1				$ 1						10		10		
Creston	7		1		$ 1				$ 1						1		$ 1		1		1				17		17		
Daisy	20		3						1		1								2		1		1		30		30		
Forge	1		2																				1		4		4		
Gastonia	7		7		1						1												2		20		20		
Gladstone	12		5						1						1		1		1		1		2		25		25		
Greensboro	3		1																										
Himony	10		5						2				$ 1						1		1		2		23		23		
Henry	8		2		1												1		2						14		14		
Huntersville	12		5				$ 1		6		8						1		1				2		33		33		
Jefferson	15		2		1				3		2								2		1		1		28		28		
Fray Hill	5	$10		$ 5			1										1		1				1		10	$ 15	25		
Froy	7		5																						12		12		
Wilkesboro	5		5								2						2		2				1		17		17		
Yadkin	8		2																		1		2		13		13		
Zion	12		5		1		1		2		2										2		7		32		32		
Total	137	10	52	5	5		3		16		14			1		3		7		14		8		21		8		293	15	308
CLYDE DISTRICT.																													
Asheville	10		5						1				$ 5								2		5		1		$ 24	5	29
Bakersville	1		1										56										1		1		4	56	60
Boone	6		2		1		1				1														11		11		
Clyde	50		15		1		1		5		10		5			1					2		8		2		90	10	100
Columbus																													
Culberson	6		2								55			$ 5									1		1		10	60	70
Irwin	29			10							28			2					2		2		4		1		38	40	78
Leicester		25		10		$ 1		$ 1		$ 3	10			3			$ 1			$ 1		$ 3	5			$ 1	5	60	65
Marion	10		10		1		1				9				1		1		3		2		5		1		35	9	44
Montezuma	15		5						4		4			3									2				33		33
Pisgah	10			5										2					2		2		2		2		20	10	30
Roanes Mills	2		2								27								1		1		1		8	27	35		
Sylva	4										1												1		6		6		
Unaka	2										15										1				4	15	19		
Total	89	25	42	25	3	1	3	1	10	3	5	221	10	10	2	1	1	1	8	1	12	3	35		11	1	288	293	581

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DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARIES.
1879, Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer.

CHANGED TO BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

1880, Jan. 28, Feb. 1,	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton.
1881, " 20-24,	Leicester.	" Warren,	W. G. Matton.
1882, " 19-23,	Asheville,	" Foster,	W. G. Matton.
1883, " 24-29,	Gastonia.	" Merrill,	W. G. Matton.
1884, Jan. 30, Feb. 4,	Asheville,	" Bowman,	J. D. Robertson.
1885, Feb. 12-16,	Clyde,	" Andrews,	J. D. Robertson.
1885, Oct. 1-5,	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford.
1886, " 7-11,	Smith's Chapel,	" Walden,	W. T. Ford.
1887, " 19-23,	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	W.Q.A.Graham.
1888, " 18-22,	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	"
1889, " 17-21,	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Robertson.
1890, " 16-20,	Clyde,	" Joyce,	"
1891, " 21-25,	Asheville,	" Warren,	A. Graybeal.
1892, " 13-16,	Poindexter,	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble.
1893, " 12-16,	Daisy,	" Hurst,	W. Q. A. Graham
1894, Sep. 27, Oct. 1,	Smith Ch'p'l,	" Foster,	"
1895, Oct. 9-14,	Clyde,	" Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal.
1896, Sep. 24-27,	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	"
1897, Oct. 11-17,	Walkertown,	" Andrews,	"
1898, " 20-24,	Marion,	" Goodsell,	"
1899, " 19-22,	Seward,	" Fowler,	"
1900, " 4-7	Clyde,	" Cranston,	"
1901, " 24-27,	Montezuma,	" Goodsell,	"
1902, " 23-26,	Seward,	" Walden,	"
1903, " 7-10,	Glass,	" Joyce,	"
1904, " 6-11,	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	"

OUR DEAD

NAME.	DIED.	ADMITTED.	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Parker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1880	From N. C. Conference.
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference.
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference.
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1896	1880	From Holston.
A. H. Peeples	1897	1895	On trial.
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial.
W. G. Matton	1901	——	From N. C. Conference.
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial.
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

MRS. MAKAY.

CONFERENCE ROLL, 1904.

NAME.	ORDER.	POSTOFFICE.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Casstevens, C. F.	Elder	Walkertown	1890
Clark, F. A. L.	"	Glass	1884
Cooper, N. M.	"	Greensboro	1884
Dennis, J. L.	"	Troy	1891
Doub, J. N. S.	"	Traphill	1895
Ballew, W. A.	"	Leicester	1885
Earnhardt, S. A.	"	Gladstone	——
Gillespie, J. H.	"	Chattanooga	1885
Graybeal, A.	"	Montezuma	1882
Haltom, W. C.	"	Montezuma	1898
Lanier, D. A.	"	Catawba	1890
Matney, W. C.	"	Clyde	1889
Matney, J. F.	"	Clyde	1888
Matheson, D. M.	"	Culberson	1888
Moore, W. S.	Deacon	Troy	1897
Christenberry, H. D.	Elder	Huntersville	1884
Penley, L. J.	"	Bakersville	1888
Patton, W. A.	"	Lansing	1898
Smith, C. W.	"	Misenheimer	1885
Stephenson, J. L.	"	Candler	1889
Tucker, J. B.	"	Old Fort	1895
Winkler, E. J.	"	King's Mt.	1888
Patterson, J. H.	"	East Bend	——

PROBATIONERS.

Johnson, A. L.	Deacon	Chattanooga	1895
Bumgarner, J. L. A.	Licentiate	Athens, Tenn.	1901
Blackwelder, W. R.	"	Lansing	1901
Matney, J. J.	"	————	1903
Miller, D. J.	"	Blantyne	1903
Matheson, M. A.	"	Vests	1903
Slagle, D. C.	"	Sylva	1904

SUPERNUMERARY.

Corbett, L. W.		Plateau	——

SUPERANUATES.

Rawlings, Wm.	Elder	Hickory Grove, Penn.	1889

Franklin, D. N.....	"	....Sylva, N. C.....	1885
Rhyme, J. J.....	"	....Eupeptic Springs	1887
Broyles, M. W.....	"	....Acton	1879
Evans, W. J.....	"	....Canton	1888
Heath, J. M.....	"	....Poindexter	1889

OFFICERS, 1904.

President.....Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald, D. D.
Secretary .....A. Graybeal
Assistant Secretary.....W. C. Haltom
Statistical Secretary.....E. J. Winkler
Assistant Statistican.....J. H. Gillespie
Treasurer .....L. J. Penley
Asistant Treasurer.....C. F. Casstevens

Committees.

EXAMINERS.

President.....A. Graybeal, Registrar, W. C. Matney
For Admission.....W. C. Haltom, W. C. Matney
First Year.....W. A. Patton, J. H. Gillespie
Third Year.....C. F. Casstevens, J. F. Matney
Fourth Year.....W. A. Patton, J. L. Dennis
For Local Orders.....J. C. Richardson, J. N. S. Doub

The following rules were adopted by the committee:

1st. All examinations must be the day before the next annual Conference.

2nd. All examinations must be in writing.

3rd. First named on each committee is chairman for that year. Each chairman is responsible for the work required of his committee.

4th. All questions must be in the hands of the President of the Board of Examiners one month before the next session of our annual Conference.

Blue Ridge Conference Appointments, 1904.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT—W. A. Patton, P. E. P. O., Lansing.

Bakersville.....L. J. Penley

Boone	Supplied
Creston	D. J. Miller
Green Mountain	Supplied
Jefferson	W. R. Blackwelder
Laurel Branch	Supplied
Montezuma	Haltom and Graybeal
Trap Hill	J. N. S. Doub
Wilkesboro	J. H. Patterson
Yadkin	J. C. Richardson
Zion	H. D. Christenberry

CLYDE DISTRICT—W. C. Matney, P. E.
P. O., Clyde.

Asheville	W. J. Evans
Culberson	D. M.Matheson
Clyde	J. F. Matney
Fort Emory	J. H. Gillespie
Hiawassee Mission	M. A. Matheson
Irvin	J. J. Matney
Leicester	W. A. Ballew
Marion	J. B. Tucker
Pisgah	J. L. Stephenson
Sylva	D. C. Slagle
Terasita	Supplied by W. T. Clark
Unaka	M. A. West
Waynesville	Supplied

STATESVILLE DISTRICT—J. L. Dennis, P. E.
Troy, N. C.

Caldwell	To be supplied
Chandler	T. A. Earnheart
Casar	D. A. Lanier
Daisy	C. F. Casstevens
Gladstone	C. W. Smith
Greensboro	N. M. Cooper
Glass	F. A. L. Clark
Harmony	supplied by G. H. Weaver
King's Mt	E. J. Winkler
Troy	W. S. Moore

DISCIPLINARY QUESTION.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Held in Clyde, N. C., October 6-11, 1904.

BISHOP FITZGERALD, Presiding.

A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

Postoffice of Secretary, Montezuma, N. C.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference? None.

2. Who have been readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? None.

4. Who have been received on trial? (a) in studies of first year: D. C. Slagle. (b) In studies of third year: none.

5. Who have been continued on trial? (a) in studies of first year: J. J. Matney, M. A. Mathison, J. L. A. Bumgarner. (b) In studies of second year: D. J. Miller, W. R. Blackwelder. (c) In studies of third year: None. (d) In studies of fourth year: None.

6. Who have been discontinued? Jesse V. Moore, L. C. Williams.

7. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained deacons this yer: None. (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously: None.

8. What members are in studies of third year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year: None. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: None.

9. What members are in studies of fourth year? None.

10. What members have completed the Conference course of study? (a) Elected and ordained elders this year: J. N. S. Doub. (b) Elected and ordained elders previously: None.

11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a) As local preachers: None. (b) Under missionary rule: None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained elders? (a) As local deacons: None. (b) Under missionary rule: None.

13. What was the character of each preacher examined? This was attended to in open Conference.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? W. S. Fitch, to Austin Conference.

15. Who have died? None.

16. Who have been located at their own request? Lee R. Huddlestone, Lewis A. Rominger, William R. West, C. M. Warden.

17. Who have been located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? D. S. Richardson.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

20. Who have been expelled? None.

21. What personal notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the supernumerary preachers? L. W. Corbett.

23. Who are the superanuated preachers? Wm. Rawlings, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyme, M. W. Broyles, J. N. Heath.

24. Who are the triers of appeals? J. F. Matney, E. J. Winkler, W. A. Patton, W. C. Haltom, F. A. L. Clark, J. H. Gillespie, A. Graybeal.

25. What is the statistical report for this year? See statistical tables.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the general Conference as reported by the Conference treasurer? $911.

27. What are the claims on the Conference fund? $375.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? See report of Conference stewards.

29. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Montezuma, N. C.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY.

Opening.— The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Louisa Chapel, Clyde, N. C., Wednesday morning, October 6th, 1904, at 9 o'clock, with Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald, D. D., in the chair.

Devotional Services.— The bishop opened the service by using hymn 770 and reading scripture lessons in the 12th chapter of Isaiah and 2nd chapter of 2nd Corinthians. The bishop, assisted by the presiding elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll Call.— The Conference roll was called by the secretary of last session, and the following members and probationers were found to be present: C. F. Casstevens, J. L. Dennis, J. N. S. Doub, W. A. Ballew, J. H. Gillespie, W. C. Haltom, D. A. Lanier, W. C. Matney, J. F. Matney, D. M. Matheson, L. J. Penley, W. A. Patton, C. W. Smith, J. L. Stephenson, E. J. Winkler, W. R. Blackwelder, J. J. Matney, D. J. Miller, S. A. Earnhardt, A. Graybeal, W. R. West, M. W. Browles.

Secretaries.— Upon nomination of W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal was elected secretary. W. C. Haltom was chosen as assistant secretary.

Statistical Secretaries.— E. J. Winkler was elected statistican with J. H. Gillespie assistant.

Treasurer.— L. J. Penley was chosen as treasurer, and C. F. Casstevens, assistant.

Standing Committees:

1. Public Worship.—J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney.

2. Benevolences.— W. C. Haltom, L. J. Penley.

3. Education.—A. Graybeal, M. A. Matheson.

4. Reforms.—J. F. Matney, W. A. Patton, E. J. Winkler.

5 Auditing.— J. L. Dennis, J. N. S. Doub.

6. Periodicals.—J. L. Stephenson, D. N. Matheson.

7. Epworth.—W. A. Ballew, S. C. Williams, J. C. Richardson.

8. Conference Stewards.—L. J. Penley, C. F. Casstevens, W. J. Evans.

9. State of the Church.—J. L. Stephenson, Columbus Slagle, J. B. Tucker.

10. Conference Relations.—J. L. Dennis, D. M. Matheson, F. A. L. Clark.

11. Church Extension.—C. W. Smith, W. C. Matney, L. J. Penley.

Time for Meeting and Adjourning.—Upon motion of the pastor, 8:30 a. m. was selected as time for meeting and 12 m., for adjourning, first half hour to be devoted to prayer service.

Conference Bar.—Upon motion of J. H. Gillespie, the Conference bar was fixed so as to include pews in front of third windows.

Introductions.—Dr. Ogden, representing the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Dr. J. J. Manker, editor of the Methodist Advocate-Journal, was introduced and presented the interests of the paper. Revs. Farrington, Jordan and Fincher, of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced.

Drafts.—The Bishop announced that the Conference is entitled to $249 from the Book Concern and $22 from Chartered Fund. Drafts were made in favor of L. J. Penley, Conference treasurer.

Question 13. "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. W. A. Patton, presiding elder of Bakersville district, was called, his character passed and he reported the work of his district. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: E. J. Winkler, D. A. Lanier, W. C. Haltom.

The following passed in character, and, not being present, their collections were reported by the presiding elder: J. H. Patterson, J. M. Heath.

W. C. Matney was called, his character passed, and he reported the work of the district.

The following effective elders were called, passed in character and they reported their collections: J. H. Gillespie, W. A. Ballew, J. L. Stephenson, D. M. Matheson.

J. B. Tucker was called, his character passed, but was not present to make his report.

Statesville District.— C. W. Smith was called, his character passed, and he read hi sreport as presiding elder of his district.

The following effective elders were passed in character and reported their collections: L. J. Penley, J. L. Dennis.

The following were called, characters passed, and their reports were made by the presiding elder: F. A. L. Clark, N. M. Cooper, and H. D. Christenberry.

Question 14. The Bishop announced that W. S. Fitch was transferred to the Austin Conference.

Question 22. "Who are the supernumerary members?" was taken up. S. A. Earnhart and A. Graybeal were placed on the effective list. L. W. Corbitt and L. A. Rominger were continued.

Question 23. "Who are the superanuated preachers?" was taken up. Wm. Rawlings, D. N. Frankin, J. J. Rhyme,

M. W. Broyles and W. J. Evans were continued. J. M. Heath was granted the superanuated relation.

Statistics.—List of charges was called, and the pastors handed their reports to the statistical secretary and treasurer.

Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair. J. L. Stephenson conducted the devotions, after which the Conference business was resumed.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Roll of absentees was called and the following answered to their names: N. M. Cooper, L. R. Huddlestone, J. B. Tucker.

Reports.— J. F. Matney and J. B. Tucker reported their benevolent collections.

Question 5. "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. J. J. Matney, M. A. Matheson and J. L. A. Bumgarner were continued on trial in studies of the first year.

M. A. Matheson receives credit for passing in the following books: Discipline, Heritage of Faith and Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.

D. J. Miller and W. R. Blackwelder were advanced to the studies of the second year. J. V. Moore and S. C. Williams were continued in the studies of the second year.

Question 8. "What members are in the studies of the third year?" was taken up. A. L. Johnson and W. S. Moore were continued.

Question 10. "What members have completed the Conference course of study?" was taken up. J. N. S. Doub,

having passed in the studies, was elected to elder's orders.

W. R. West was referred to the committee on Conference relations. D. S. Richardson was reported withdrawn. L. R. Huddlestone was located. C. M. Warden reported his collections.

Question 11. "What others have been elected and ordained deacons?" was taken up. None.

Question 12. "What others have been elected and ordained eders?" was taken up. None.

Question 4. "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. D. C. Slagle.

Question 1. "Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?" was asked. None.

Dr. Ogden made a stirring talk on the work of the Book Concern.

Mr. John Warren, president of the Laymen's Association, was introduced and delivered a splendid address concerning the work of the laymen. In response, the Bishop spoke in a very forcible way of the privileges of the laymen and the obligations of pastors in the work of the church.

Rev. Mr. Lee, of the M. P., was introduced to the Conference.

Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met pursuant to appointment at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair. Devotions were led by C. M. Warden.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Reports.—The report on education was read by A. Graybeal. W. C. Matney read report on church extension. W.

C. Haltom read report on benevolences Report on periodicals read by J. L. Stephenson. Report on reforms read by J. F. Matney. All the above were adopted.

Introductions.— Dr. Iliff, secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced, and presented the work of the Society.

Miss Abbott, representing the W. H. M. Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Dr. Caldwell was introduced, and presented the work of the Missionary Society.

A. Graybeal read a resolution concerning Conference claimants. Adopted.

Statistics.— E. J. Winkler read statistical report, which was adopted.

A. Graybeal read minutes of meeting of trustees of Conference Relief Fund. Adopted.

W. A. Ballew read report of committee on Epworth League. Adopted.

Minutes.— On motion of A. Graybeal, the plan of last year for raising funds for publishing Journal was adopted and the presiding elder of Clyde district and pastor of Clyde circuit were elected a committee on publication.

W. C. Matney reported $125 coming from the sale of a church at Blue Ridge on the Asheville charge. Upon motion, it was placed in the hands of the Conference treasurer to be used according to direction of Discipline.

Upon motion of C. W. Smith, the Conference voted to ask a special appropriation from the Missionary Society of $1,500 for work in South Carolina.

Upon motion of W. C. Matney, it was ordered that we request the Bishops to change the time for holding our Conference to last of November or first of December.

Upon motion of W. C. Matney, W. J. Evans was placed on the effective list.

Committee on Conference relations recommended that L. A. Rominger and W. R. West be located at their own request, and that J. V. Moore be discontinued. The report was adopted.

Committee on state of the church reported. Adopted.

Rev. Mr. Thomas, of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

J. L. Dennis read report of auditing committee. Adopted.

W. A. Patton read report of committee on missions. Adopted.

Upon motion of W. C. Haltom, a secretary was chosen for each presiding elder's district to act as missionary secretary.

W. C. Haltom was chosen for Bakersville district, J. L. Dennis for Statesville and D. C. Slagle for Clyde district.

Upon motion, it was ordered that the Conference adjourn after the appointments were read.

W. C. Matney led the Conference in prayer.

The Bishop addressed the Conference concerning the work in general.

Bishop Fitzgerald read the appointments.

Conference adjourned sine die.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference met pursuant to appointment at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair. J. B. Tucker led the devotions.

Minutes of Saturdays session were read and approved.

Dr. Itiff, secretary of Church Extension Society, addressed the Conference.

Prof. Simonds addressed the Conference in the interest of Grant University.

Upon motion of W. C. Smith, S. C. Williams was discontinued. C. M. Warden was granted a certificate of location.

L. J. Penley read report of Conference treasurer. Adopted.

L. J. Penley read report of Conference stewards. Adopted.

Resolutions of thanks to citizens for hospitality; to secretaries and visiting brethren, were adopted.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Laymen's Association of the Bue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened for its second annual session in Louisa chapel, Clyde, N. C., Friday afternoon, October 7th, 1904, at 4:30 o'clock, the president, J. W. Warren, presiding.

Upon the nomination of M. A. Matheson, Mary M. Harris was elected to act as secretary, in the absence of the secretary, Belle T. Anderson.

The report of committee on constitution was read and adopted.

The officers for the ensuing year yere elected as follows:

President—J. W. Warren, Candler.

Vice-Presidents — Statesville district, J. M. Long, Tobaccoville; Bakersville district, Mrs. Belle T. Anderson, Montezuma; Clyde district, M. A. Matheson, Unaka.

Secretary — Mary M. Harris, Red Hill.

On motion, the secretary was elected to the office of treasurer.

Statistical report of pastors' salaries for the year 1904:

Claims, $6,203; receipts, $4,814; deficiencies, $1,389.

Increase over last year of claims, $482; receipts, $454; deficiencies decreased $145.

Report of six charges paid the pastor's salary in full.

It was urged that with holy zeal and enthusiasm we make a faithful effort, during the next year, to pay the honest debt we owe the men who serve us.

Names of laymen from the different charges were given for correspondence with the secretary.

A collection was taken for the publication of the minutes.

Meeting adjourned to the second day of next annual Conference at Montezuma, N. C.

J. W. WARREN, President.

MARY M. HARRIS, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

1. **Name** — This Association shall be called the Laymen's Association of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

2. **Place of Meeting** — It shall meet annually at the place of meeting of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference at such time as may be arranged by the executive committee.

3. **Objects** — Its objects shall be to interest the lay members throughout the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference in the affairs of the church and to bestir them to greater efficiency in advancing the cause of God.

4. **Membership** — The membership of this Association shall consist of its officers and all committees appointed by said Association at its annual meetings, and all committees appointed by the executive committee between the sessions of the annual meetings and one delegate from each pastoral charge to be elected at the fourth quarterly Conference or in such manner as the lay members may determine. One reserve delegate shall also be elected. The election of a person to an office or the appointment on a committee shall constitute him or her a member of the Association.

5. **Officers** — The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President from each District, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Said officers shall be elected annually and shall serve until their successors are elected, and shall perform such duties as are usual to their respective offices.

6. **Executive Committee** — There shall be an executive committee, consisting of the officers named in section 5. The duties of said committee shall be to make all necessary arrangements as to place and time of meeting of the Association, prepare a program of exercises for each session, secure speakers, and perform all other needed work as a committee of arrangements, and report the same at commencement of each meeting.

7. **Amendments** — This Constitution may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

Reports

EDUCATION.

We most heartily commend the work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished by the Board of Education. We are pleased with the growing prosperity of Grant University and acknowledge our indebtedness to that institution for the valuable services it has rendered those of our young people who have been educated in its halls. We are delighted with the successes that have attended Aaron Seminary and commend this school to all who desire to prepare for college or secure an academic education. We pledge anew our sympathy and support of our community schools and commend them to the patronage of our people.

We recommend that the Woman's Home Missionary Society transfer the Mitchells Industrial Home to Montezuma and to be run in connection with Aaron Seminary.

A. GRAYBEAL,
M. A. MATHESON.

CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

Annual meeting of the trustees of the Conference Relief Fund. W. C. Matney, president, in the chair. A. Graybeal appointed secretary pro tem.

W. C. Matney elected president.

A. Graybeal elected secretary and treasurer.

C. F. Casstevens elected vice-president.

C. W. Smith, J. H. Gillespie and W. C. Haltom elected additional trustees.

Treasurer's report was audited and found correct. An agreement was reached concerning treasurer's bond.

It was ordered that at least interest on all notes be collected annually.

It was voted to appropriate $40 to claimants.

Secretary ordered to correspond with J. R. Cannons, P. E., and ascertain whether or not he (Cannon) is able to pay his notes.

Amount on hand:

1 note dated April 8, 1902, for $100, secured by real estate.

1 note dated December 12, 1892, for $100 less $40 paid.
1 note dated November 1st, 1894, for $28.
1 note dated November 15, 1893, for $24.
1 note dated August 2, 1895, for $50.
1 note dated November 4, 1893, for $50.
1 note dated September 3, 1903, for $115.
1 note dated February 12, 1903 for $170.96.
1 note dated May 15, 1903, for $71.40.
Cash on hand, $40.00.
All above notes bearing interest from date.

A. GRAYBEAL, Treasurer.

Since above meeting the treasurer paid stewards $40 as per order for claimants.

Whereas, The early fall months are our most favorable season for revival work and this annual Conference coming as it does in the early part of October, thus greatly interfering with revival work; then again our collections may be greatly increased by having the entire two first months to use in our collections, as the fall produce is usually marketed in these two months;

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, petition the bishops in their meeting just preceding our Conference to fix the time of the meeting of Conference not earlier than the month of November in each year, and that we ask our beloved Bishop Fitzgerald to use his influence in having our request granted if possible.

W. C. MATNEY.

PERIODICALS.

Your committee on periodicals offers the following:

We believe no better literature is published that than which is published by our own presses. Our church papers and Sunday-school literature has no superior for cleanness and neatness, and fills its mission to the highest standard in all our homes and Sunday schools; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That we, as ministers of the Blue Ridge Conference, supply all our Sunday-schools with books, periodicals and literature from our own publishing houses.

Resolved, Second, That we put forth a vigorous effort to put the Methodist Advocate-Journal and the World-Wide Mission into the homes of all our people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. STEPHENSON,
D. M. MATHESON.

To the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Deeply interested as we are in the support of superanuated preachers, their widows and orphans, we believe that the Methodist Episcopal Church should undertake the raising of a permanent Connectional Fund of at least $5,000,000, the income of which should go towards the support of these deserving claimants. We therefore respectfully, but urgently, request the Bishops at their next meeting to appoint a committee to promote and direct such a movement. We believe that the general church is ready to contribute to this worthy fund. A. GRAYBEAL.

We, your committee on conference relations, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that Bros. L. A. Rominger and W. R. West be granted a certificate of location and that Bro. J. V. Moore be discontinued. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. DENNIS,
D. M. MATHESON.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

From the inception of the work in 1866 to September, 1903, the Board of Church Extension has collected and disbursed $8,051,-233.50, and has aided 13,526 churches. Of this number 106 are found within the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference. This Conference has collected and paid to the Board $1,988.85, while we have received by donations, $11,815 and by loans, $2,950, making a grand total of $14,965 granted our needy field. The amount of aid granted must depend on the amount of the collections taken. Interest, therefore, in our own Conference as well as in the general cause, should inspire us to use all diligence to secure the full amount asked, and if possible to go beyond it. The literature furnished by the Society will greatly aid us. Christianity in earnest, with its quarterly visits will furnish to all who receive it the latest tidings of this work and its wants, and will also contain the annual report of the Board in quarterly installments.

Documents for free distribution can be secured by pastors and church committees on church extension on application to the Board of Church Extension, 1026 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MATNEY,
C. W. SMITH,
L. J. PENLEY.

BENEVOLENCES.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following plan:

1. That during the first quarter of the coming Conference year, we will take the collection for education and church extension.

2. We will raise the amount asked for missions, observing Easter Sunday as Missionary Children's day.

3. The third quarter shall be set apart as the period when we will make a special effort to raise the amount asked by Freedmans Aid and Southern Educational Society, observing Children's Day, the second Sunday in June.

4. We will make up any deficiencies and present the claims of the Sunday School Union Tract Society and American Bible Society during the fourth quarter.

5. We pledge ourselves that we will increase these collections at least 25 per cent.

W. C. HALTOM,
L. J. PENLEY.

REFORMS.

We, the undersigned committee, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, The manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors in the land has become the giant foe of all moral, civil and religious progress, and, whereas, this blighting curse is ruining the young men of our country and making demons of loving husbands and affectionate fathers, thus blighting thousands of homes and bringing discord, grief, poverty and want to happy firesides and leaving nothing but death and destitution in the wake of its awful progress; therefore,

Resolved, First, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference take an unflinching, immovable stand against this dishonoring, soul-destroying business, and seek its extirpation by all lawful and Christian means.

Resolved, Second, There is a very general disregard for the Sabbath in our country and whereas it has largely affected our own church membership, making it exceedingly difficult to maintain our work in many places; and whereas pleasure seeking and business enterprises are pursued without reference to the obligation of God's word or of true patriotism; we, your committee, voicing the sentiment of this annual Conference, declare that it behooves

us as ministers to carefully guard ourselves against this great sin, that we may impress upon all our people the purity and absolute sincerity of our own lives in this respect, that it is our duty to preach plainly and forcibly upon the nature and obligations of the fourth commandment, to make clear its fundamental character, show its vital relation to our church and nation, to faithfully labor with those of our members who have defiled their garments, and by the aid of such means as are possible, to assist those, who, by reason of their secular relations, are involved in an oppression against which they innately protest. The church must lead in this battle for righteousness, in the liberation of the business interests and laboring classes from the bondage of secularism. Let us, as true servants of God, be true to the cause of the Sabbath.

J. F. MATNEY.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are thankful to Almighty God for the signal favors which He has bestowed upon our labors during the past year.

These favors from God upon us prove that our work is on the up grade; our people are more spiritual now than ever before. We are glad to see the interest which our people are taking in Christian education. Our people are becoming more and more interested in the welfare of our preachers. There is a general upward movement in our work. Our desire and prayer to God is that this good work may go on. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. STEPHENSON,
D. C. SLAGLE.

EPWORTH LEAGUE REPORT.

On inquiry I find that not much work is being done at this time in this Conference. While the work is not as prosperous as we hoped to find it, we hope for a re-organization of the work and vigorous efforts made by the pastors to carry forward the Epworth League work on every charge of the Conference.

W. A. BALLEW.

This is to certify that at Clyde, North Carolina, on the ninth day of October, A. D., 1904, I, assisted by elders, ordained John N. S. Doub as an elder in the church.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD,
Bishop Presiding at the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Clyde, N. Carolina, October 10, 1904.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

RECEIPTS.

From Book Concern, Dividends	$249.00
From Chartered Fund	22.00
From Conference Collections	64.00
Interest on Conference Relief Fund	40.00
Total	$375.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. D. N. Franklin	$ 70.00
Mrs. T. W. Matney	70.00
Rev. Wm. Rowlings	21.00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	70.00
Mrs. E. Anderson	30.00
Mrs. W. T. Owin	33.00
Mrs. A. J. Johnson	14.00
Mrs. J. M. Rominger	10.00
Rev. J. M. Heath	55.00
Total	$372.00

Leaving on hand $2 for expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. PENLEY, Chairman.
C. F. CASSTEVENS,
W. J. EVANS.

Resolved, That we return to the citizens of Clyde and vicinity our sincere thanks for their hospitality and kindness during this session of our Conference.

E. J. WINKLER.

STATISTICS No. 1. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1904.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Bakersville	21	215	1	1		1	5	29	250	5	$ 2000	1	$ 200	$		
Caldwell	20	178	1		17	15	3	16	200	4	680	1	50			
Creston	12	232	7	3		10	5	29	327	5	2500					
Jefferson	22	394	7				5	21	280	7	5000	1	400			
Montezuma	22	300	3	1	4	20	5	20	250	7	5000	1	650	200		
Trap Hill	15	380	2	10		17	4	16	175	5	2200	1	330	25		
Wilkesboro	10	164	4	1	3	13	4	18	220	4	3000			400		
Yadkin	10	370	5	2		8	5	25	250	5	2400	1	250			
Boone	12	181	1		1	10	4	18	200	6	1700			150		
Total	144	2414	31	18	25	94	40	192	2152	48	$24480	6	$ 1880	$ 765	$	$
Recapitulation:																
Clyde District	102	2238	12	13	25	41	34	204	1685	40	29535	10	4725	1623	517	183
Statesville District	202	2330	12	28	36	47	47	237	2555	50	28650	7	2500	5457	243	55
Grand Total this Year	448	6982	55	59	86	182	121	633	6392	138	$82665	23	$ 9105	$ 7845	$ 760	$ 238
Grand Total last Year	424	6763	49	53	188	293	116	588	5500	133	78395	21	8055	1120	344	475
Increase	24	229	6	6			5	45	892	5	$ 4250	2	$ 1050	$ 6725	$ 416	$
Decrease					32	111										237

STATISTICS No. 1. CLYDE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1904.

NANES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Membership.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Church and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Asheville	6	219	1	1	8	15	4	22	195	3	$ 2935	1	$ 600	$	$	$
Clyde	10	580	2	3	5	6	7	53	375	6	5400	1	800			
Culberson	18	182	2	1	3		3	19	125	2	1600	1	250	35		
Leicester	23	230				8	4	16	175	4	3500	1	1000	2		
Marion	15	242	1	1	5	1	3	23	245	3	3000	1	600			
Pisgah	7	236	2	3		2	4	26	280	4	3600	1	600	1500		
Sylva	15	96	1				1	4	30	3	3000			20	37	63
Terasita	3	186	2	3	2	5	5	20	150	4	2000	2	600	2	470	
Unaka	5	105	1	1	1		1	9	60	6	2500	1	100	64	10	120
Irvin		162			1	4	2	12	50	5	2000	1	175			
Total	102	2238	12	13	25	41	34	204	1685	40	$29535	10	$ 4725	$ 1623	$ 517	$ 183

STATISTICS No. 1. STATESVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1904.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Chandler	54	363		2	2	4	5	23	350	6	$ 2450	1	$ 150	$ 3950	$ 128	$
Daisy	10	270	1	4	1	16	5	29	300	5	5200	1	300			
Gladstone	18	140	2	2	12	12	3	15	200	4	1600	1	500	60		
Glass	5															
Greensboro		189		2	15		3	25	90	4	2800	1	800	200		30
Harmony		69	3	1	3	5	3	10	90	3	1800			50	15	
Henry	6	300	2	6			3	20	250	5	2500			500		25
King's Mountain	60	342	1	7	3	10	7	42	560	6	4000	1	400	600		
Troy	5	120	1	4			4	18	150	4	2500	1	200	97	100	
Zion	32	224	1				7	30	265	5	2200	1	150			
	12	322	1				7	25	300	8	3600					
Total	202	2330	12	28	36	47	47	237	2555	50	$28650	7	$ 2500	$ 5457	$ 243	$ 55

STATISTICS No. 2. SUNDAY SCHOOLS. 1904.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars -Ch. Memb's or Pro.	No. Converted during the Year.	Current Expenses.
Bakersville	5	29	205	175	25	..	10	30
Boone	4	18	200	161	16	60	20	4
Caldwell	3	16	200	125	12	..	41	10
Creston	5	29	327	225	29	..	61	23
Jefferson	5	21	280	200	21	..	..	15
Montezuma	5	20	250	200	20	..	20	30
Trap Hill.....	4	16	175	75	16	..	9	8
Wilkesboro	4	18	220	125	12	65	7	6
Yadkin	5	25	250	200	25	..	..	15
Total	40	192	2107	1486	176	125	168	141
CLYDE DISTRICT.								
Asheville	4	22	195	94	22	..	26	21
Culberson	3	19	125	75	17	..	30	8
Clyde	7	53	375	300	225	..	..	25
Irvin	2	12	50	40	10	25	..	3
Leicester	4	16	175	135	15	..	50	8
Marion	3	23	245	150	20	..	15	60
Pisgah	4	26	280	165	26	165	14	45
Sylva	1	4	30	20	..	..	..	..
Lerasita	5	20	150	100	18	75	3	6
Unoka	1	9	60	40	5	..	..	2
Total	34	204	1685	1119	358	265	138	178
STATESVILLE DISTRICT.								
Chandler	5	23	350	250	20	..	5	5
Daisy	5	29	300	200	29	..	9	8
Gladstone	3	15	200	175	15	..	15	10
Glass	3	25	100	75	25	..	..	15
Greensboro	3	10	90	80	10	..	12	25
Harmony	3	20	250	175	20	..	..	20
Henry	7	42	560	325	42	..	154	42
King's Mountain....	4	18	150	120	18	..	150	28
Troy	7	30	265	200	25	..	..	10
Zion	7	25	300	250	25	..	..	10
Total	47	237	2565	1850	229	...	345	173
Bakersville District.	40	192	2107	1486	176	125	168	141
Statesville District..	34	204	1685	1119	358	265	138	178
Grand total....	121	633	6357	4455	763	390	651	492

STATISTICS No. 3, BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1904.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiences.	Support P. Elders Amount Apportioned.	Support P. Elders Amount Paid.	Support Bishops Amount Apportioned.	Support Bishops Amount Paid.	Support Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	C'nf'r-ence Claim-ants. Collecti'ns	C'nf'r-ence Claim-ants. Total.	Current Expenses Church, Sexton, light, fuel	Current Expenses S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Bakersvllle	E. J. Winkler	$ 200	$ 10	$ 210	$ 190	$ 10	$ 200	$ 10	$ 40	$ 30	$ 1	$	$ 230	$	$	$ 10	$ 40
Boone	W. R. Blackwelder	150		150	125		125	25	32	22	1	1	148	1	1		3
Caldwell	D. A. Lanier	75		75	75		75		20	15	1		90	1	1		
Creston	S. A. Earnhardt	150		150	115		115	35	20	18	1	1	134	3	3		
Jefferson	D. M. Graybeal	300	30	330	300	30	330		50	23	1	1	354	1	1		
Montezuma	W. C. Haltom	400	40	440	180	40	220	220	45	47	1	1	268	3	3		
Trap Hill	J. N. S. Doub	200	15	215	92	15	107	100	24	16	1	1	124	1	1		
Wilkesboro	J. H. Patterson	100		100	100		100		25	25			125	1	1		
Yadkin	J. M. Heath	200		200	156		156	44	30	29			185	1	1		
Total		$ 1775	$ 95	$ 1870	$ 1333	$ 95	$ 1428	$442	$ 286	$ 225	$ 7	$ 5	$1658	$12	$12	$ 10	$ 43

STATISTICS No. 3, CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1904.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiences.	Support P. Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Pastors, P. Elders and Bishop	C'nf'r-ence Claimants. Collecti'ns	Total.	Current Expenses Church, Sexton, light, fuel	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Asheville	J. H. Gillespie	$ 185	$ 40	$ 225	$ 130	$ 40	$ 170	$ 55	$ 25	$ 25	$ 1	$ 1	$ 196	$ 5	$ 5	$ 5	$ 21
Clyde	J. F. Matney	385	50	435	275	50	325	110	50	43	2	1	369	4	4	35	24
Culberson	D. C. Stagle	165	24	189	140	24	164	25	28	28	1	1	193	5	5	8	8
Leicester	W. A. Ballew	250	50	300	210	50	260	40	28	28	1	1	289	2	2	5	20
Marion	J. B. Tucker	190	50	240	168	50	218	22	25	18	3	3	239	6	6	60	40
Pisgah	J. L. Stephenson	215	50	265	202	50	252	13	28	28	2	2	282	5	5	30	20
Sylva	J. V. Moore	130		130	35		35	95	20	13	1	1	49	1	1		1
Terasita	D. M. Mateson	180	12	192	125	12	137	55	25	25	1		162	4	4		6
Unaka	M. A. Matheson	100		100	42		42	58	20	20			62	4	4		
Irvin	J. J. Matney	150	40	190	75	40	115	75	32	32	1	1	148	1	1		3
Clyde District		$ 1950	$316	$ 2266	$ 1402	$316	$ 1718	$548	$ 281	$ 260	$ 13	$ 11	$1989	$37	$37	$ 143	$ 145
Bakersville District		1775	95	1870	1323	95	1428	442	286	225	7	5	1658	12	12	10	43
Statesville		1930	137	2067	1516	137	1653	455	228	207	5	5	1865	15	15	70	84
Grand Total		$ 5655	$548	$ 6203	$ 4241	$548	$ 4799	1445	$ 795	$ 692	$ 25	$ 21	$5512	$64	$64	$ 223	$ 270

STATISTICS No. 3, STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1904.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiences.	Support P. Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Support P. Elders. Amount Paid.	Support Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Support Bishops. Amount Paid.	Support Pastors, P Elders and Bishop	C'nf'r-ence Claim-ants. Collecti'ns	C'nf'r-ence Claim-ants. Total.	Current Expenses Church, Sexton, light, fuel	Current Expenses S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Chandler	J. C. Richardson	$ 165	$ 25	$ 190	$ 100	$ 25	$ 125	$ 65	$ 30	$ 24	$ 1	$ 1	$ 150	$ 1	$ 1	$	$ 5
Daisy	C. F. Casstevens	280	12	292	255	12	267	25	25	25	1	1	293	4	4	5	8
Gladstone	J. L. Dennis	200	50	250	170	50	220	50	25	25	1	1	246	2	2	10	8
Glass	F. A. L. Clark	185	40	225	147	40	187	38	20	20	1	1	208	3	3	5	15
Greensboro	N. M. Cooper	50		50	50		50		10	10			60			25	15
Harmony	C. M. Warden	200		200	100		100	100	25	15	1	1	116	1	1		10
Henry	D. J. Miller	200		200	241		241		28	28			269	2	2	25	8
King's Mountain	L. J. Penley	150		150	150		150		20	15			165	2	2		
Troy	S. C. Williams	200	10	210	150	10	160	50	15	15			175				
Zion	H. D. Christenberry.	300		300	153		153	147	30	30			183				15
Total		$ 1930	$137	$ 2067	$ 1516	$137	$ 1653	$455	$ 228	$ 207	$ 5	$ 5	$1865	$15	$15	$ 70	$ 84

STATISTICS No. 4, BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1904.

NAME OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	MISSIONS.							EDUCATION								
	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid & So'th. Ed. So'ty	(a) Public Education'l Collect.	(b) Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's For'gn Missionary Soc'ty	Woman's Home Missionary Soc'ty	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
Bakersville District...															
Bakersville	$ 7		$ 7	$ 3	$ 1	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 7	$	$	$
Boone	6		6	1					1			1	2	1	1
Caldwell	3		3	1									1	1	
Creston.....	9		9	2	2	1	2	1		1	1		2	3	1
Jefferson	50		50	2	1	1	2			1	1	3	1	1	1
Montezuma	28		28	5			3		11					3	1
Trap Hill...	4		4	2			2						2	1	1
Wilkesboro.....	2		2	1								1		1	
Yadkin.....	8		8	2									2	1	
Total.....	117	$	117	19	4	2	9	1	12	2	2	12	10	12	5
Clyde District.....															
Asheville.....	10	10	20	8	1	1	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	5	1
Clyde.....	40		40	10	1	1	5	2	5				1	4	1
Culberson.....	12		12	3	1	1		3				3	1	5	1
Irwin.....	14		14	6	1		1	3		1		2	1	1	1
Leicester	12		12	2			1	3					1	2	1
Marion	15		15	10	1	1		3		1	1	3		6	
Pisgah.....	20		20	5			1	8	2			1	1	5	3
Sylva.....	3		3											1	2
Terasita.....	8		8	3				2				1	1	4	1
Unaka	7		7	2	1	1		1				1	1	4	
Total.....	141	$10	151	49	6	5	10	30	8	3	2	12	8	37	11
Statesville District....															
Chandler.....	6		6	2			1					1		1	1
Daisy.....	30		30	5			3						2	4	1
Gladstone	15		15	8			1	1			1	1		2	1
Glass.....	22		22	10	1	1	8			1	2	2		3	1
Greensboro	5		5	1											
Harmony.....	6		6	5				5				2		1	
Henry.....	25		25	5	1		5	1						2	
King's Mountain.....	15		15	2								1		2	
Troy.....	10		10	5											
Zion.....	9		9												
Statesville.....	143		143	43	2	1	18	7		1	3	7	2	15	4
Bakersville	117		117	19	4	2	9	1	12	2	2	12	10	19	5
Clyde.....	151		151	49	6	5	10	30	8	3	2	12	8	37	11
Grand Total.....	$ 411		$411	$111	$12	$8	$37	$38	$20	$6	$7	$31	$20	$64	$20

TREASURER'S REPORT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, 1904.

NAMES of CH'RC'S	Mission'ry Society		Church Extension		Sunday School Union.		Tract Society.		Freedm'n's Aid & So'th. Educational S'ty.		Education. (a) Public Ed'l Coll'n		Education. (b) Children's Fund.		American Bible Society.		Woman's Foreign Mission'ry Society.		Woman's Home Mission'ry Society.		General Conf'rence Expenses		Conference Claimants		Episcopal Fund.		RECAP'ULATION		
	Cash	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Total.
STATESVILLE DIS.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$		$		$		$		$		$		$		$		$		$		$
Chandler	6		2						1										1				1		1		12		12
Daisy	30		5						3												2				1		45		45
Gladstone	15			8					1		1						1		1				2		1		22	8	30
Glass	22		10		1		1		8						1		2		2				3		1		51		51
Greensboro	5		1																								6		6
Harmony	6		5								5								2				1				19		19
Henry	8	17	5		1				5		1												2				22	17	39
King's Mountain	15		2																1				2				20		20
Troy	10		5																								15		15
Zion	9																										9		9
Total	$126	$ 17	$ 35	$ 8	$2		$ 1		$ 18		$ 7		$	$	$ 1		$ 3		$ 7		$ 2	$	$ 15		$ 4		$ 221	$ 25	$246
BAKERSVILLE DIS																													
Bakersville	7		3																								13		13
Boone	6		1																7								11	2	13
Creston	9		2										1						1				1		1		23	2	25
Caldwell	3		1		1		1		2		1				1		1						2		1		6	1	6
Jefferson	50		2																3				2		1		63	1	64
Montezuma	28			5	1		1		2						1		1						1		1		35	16	51
Trap Hill	4		2						3														3		1		10	2	12
Wilkesboro	2		1						2					11									1		1		5		5
Yadkin	8		2																1				2		1		11	2	13
Total	117		$ 14	$5	$4		$ 2		$ 9	$	$ 1	$	$ 1	$ 11	$ 2	$	$ 2	$	$ 12	$		$ 10	$ 12	$	$ 5	$	$ 181	$ 26	$207
CLYDE DIS.						$		$																		1			
Asheville		$ 20		8		1		1		2		10		1		1		1		1		1	5			1	5	48	53
Culberson	12		3			1		1				3							3				5				23	7	30
Clyde	40			10	1		1		5		2		5										4		1		59	11	70
Irvin	14			6	1				1			3			1				2				1		1		21	10	31
Leicester	12		2						1			3											2		1		18	4	22
Marion	15		10		1		1				3				1		1		3				6		3		44		44
Pisgah	20			5					1			3	2						1				5		2		31	9	40
Sylva	3																						1		1		5		5
Terasita	8		3								2								1				1	4			14	5	19
Unaka	7		2			1	1				1								1				1				16	2	18
Clyde—Total	$ 131	$ 20	$ 20	$ 29	$ 3	$ 3	$ 3	$ 2	$ 8	$ 2	$ 8	$ 22	$ 7	$ 1	$ 2	$ 1	$ 1	$ 1	$ 11	$ 1	$	$ 8	$ 33	$ 4	$ 9	$ 2	$ 236	$ 96	$332
Statesville—Total	126	17	35	8	2		1		18		7				1		3		7		2		15		4		221	25	246
Bakersville—Total	117		14	5	4		2		9		1		1	11	2		2		12			10	12		5		181	26	207
Grand Total	374	37	69	42	9	3	6	2	35	2	16	22	8	12	5	1	6	1	30	1	$ 2	18	60	4	18	2	638	147	785

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DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARIES.
1879, Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer.

CHANGED TO BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

1880, Jan. 28, Feb. 1,	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton.
1881, " 20-24,	Leicester,	" Warren,	W. G. Matton.
1882, " 19-23,	Asheville,	" Foster,	W. G. Matton.
1883, " 24-29,	Gastonia,	" Merrill,	W. G. Matton.
1884, Jan. 30, Feb. 4,	Asheville,	" Bowman,	J. D. Robertson.
1885, Feb. 12-16,	Clyde,	" Andrews,	J. D. Robertson.
1885, Oct. 1-5,	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford.
1886, " 7-11,	Smith's Chapel,	" Walden,	W. T. Ford.
1887, " 19-23,	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	W.Q.A.Graham
1888, " 18-22,	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	"
1889, " 17-21,	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Robertson.
1890, " 16-20,	Clyde,	" Joyce,	"
1891, " 21-25,	Asheville,	" Warren,	A. Graybeal
1892, " 13-16,	Poindexter,	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble.
1893, " 12-16,	Daisy,	" Hurst,	W. Q. A. Graham.
1904, Sep. 27, Oct. 1,	Smith Ch'p'l,	" Foster,	"
1895, Oct. 9-14,	Clyde,	" Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal.
1896, Sep. 24-27,	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	"
1897, Oct. 11-17,	Walkertown,	" Andrews,	"
1898, " 20-24,	Marion,	" Goodsell,	"
1899, " 19-22,	Seward,	" Fowler,	"
1900, " 4-7,	Clyde,	" Cranston,	"
1901, " 24-27,	Montezuma,	" Goodsell,	"
1902, " 23-26,	Seward,	" Walden,	"
1903, " 7-10,	Glass,	" Joyce,	"
1904, " 6-11,	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	"
1905, " 5-8,	Montezuma,	" Fowler,	"

OUR DEAD

NAME.	DIED.	ADMITTED.	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Parker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1880	From N. C. Conference.
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference.
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference.
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1896	1880	From Holston.
A. H. Peeples	1897	1895	On trial.
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial.
W. G. Matton	1901	——	From N. C. Conference.
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial.
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

MRS. MAKAY.

CONFERENCE ROLL, 1905

NAME.	ORDER.	POSTOFFICE.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Ballew, W. A.	Elder	Old Fort, N. C.	1885
Casstevens, C. F.	"	Glass, N. C.	1890
Clark, F. A. L.	"	King's Mt., N. C.	1884
Cooper, N. M.	"	Greensboro, N. C.	1884
Christenberry, H. D.	"	Gladstone, N. C.	1884
Dennis, J. L.	"	Troy, N. C.	1891
Doub, J. N. S.	"	Trap Hill, N. C.	1895
Earnhart, S. A.	"	Harmony, N. C.	——
Gillespie, J. H.	"	————	1885
Graybeal, A.	"	Bakersville, N. C.	1882
Haltom, W. C.	"	Montezuma, N. C.	1898
Lanier, D. A.	"	Claremont, R.F.D. No. 1.	1890
Matney, W. C.	"	Clyde, N. C.	1889
Matney, J. F.	"	Leicester, N. C.	1888
Matheson, D. M.	"	Candler, N. C.	1888
Moore, W. S.	"	Catawba, N. C.	1897
Patton, W. A.	"	Lansing, N. C.	1898
Smith, C. W.	"	Walkertown, N. C.	1885
Stephenson, J. L.	"	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1889
Tucker, J. B.	"	Blantyre, N. C.	1895
Winkler, E. J.	"	Gladstone, N. C.	1888
Patterson, J. H.	"	East Bend, N. C.	——
Heath, J. M.	"	Troy, N. C.	1889
Evans, W. J.	"	Canton, N. C.	1888
Richardson, J. C.	"	Culberson, N. C.	——
Miller, D. J.	"	Buckshoal, N. C.	1893
Brown, A. E.	"	Montezuma, N. C.	1905
Usrey, J. F.	"	Poindexter, N. C.	1905

PROBATIONERS.

Johnson, A. L.	Deacon	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1895
Bumgarner, J. L. A.	Licentiate	Athens, Tenn.	1901
Blackwelder, W. R.	"	Lansing, N. C.	1901
Matney, J. J.	"	Asheville, R. F. D. No. 2.	1904
Matheson, M. A.	"	————	1903
Slagle, D. C.	"	Terrasita, N. C.	1904
Osborn, L. D.	"	Aho	1905

Haga, D. W.....Licentiate....Creston 1905
Clark, W. T..... " ....Hunt, Ga.....1905

SUPERNUMERARY.

Corbett, L. W.....Elder....Plateau .....——
Penley, L. J..... " ....King's Mt., N. C.....1888

SUPERANUATED PREACHERS.

Rawlings, W. M.....Elder....Hickory Grove, Pa.....1889
Franklin, D. N..... " ....Sylva, N. C.....1885
Rhyne, J. J..... " ....Eupeptic Springs, N. C..1887
Broyles, M. W..... " ....Alto, N. C.....1879

OFFICERS, 1905.

President.....Bishop C. H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D.
Secretary.....A. Graybeal
Assistant Secretaries.....L. J. Penley, W. C. Haltom
Statisticians.....W. C. Haltom, W. R. Blackwelder, D. J. Miller
Treasurers.....J. F. Matney, D. A. Lanier

Committees

EXAMINERS.

President.....A. Graybeal, Registrar, W. C. Haltom
For Admission.....W. C. Matney, W. C. Haltom
First Year.....W. A. Patton, D. A. Lanier
Second Year.....F. A. L. Clark, J. M. Heath
Third Year.....C. F. Casstevens, J. F. Matney
Fourth Year.....W. A. Patton, J. L. Dennis
For Local Orders.....J. C. Richardson, J. N. S. Doub

The following rules were adopted by the committee:

1st. All examinations must be the day before the next annual Conference.

2d. All examinations must be in writing.

3d. First named on each committee is chairman for that year. Each chairman is responsible for the work required of his committee.

4th. All questions must be in the hands of the President of the

Board of Examiners one month before the next session of our annual Conference.

Blue Ridge Conference Appointments for 1905.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT—W. A. Patton, P. E.

P. O., Lansing, N. C.

Bakersville....A. Graybeal
Boone....L. D. Osborne
Creston....D. W. Haga
Green Mountain....To be supplied
Jefferson....W. R. Blackwelder
Laurel Branch....To be supplied
Montezuma....A. E. Brown
Trap Hill....J. N. S. Doub
Wilkesboro....To be supplied
Yadkin....J. F. Usrey
Zion....D. J. Miller
Aaron Seminary....W. C. Haltom
(Member of Montezuma quarterly Conference.)

CLYDE DISTRICT—W. C. Matney, P. E.

Clyde, N. C.

Asheville....J. J. Matney
Culberson....J. C. Richardson
Clyde....To be supplied
Fort Henry....W. T. Clark
Hiawassee Mission....To be supplied
Irvin....J. B. Tucker
Leicester....J. F. Matney
Marion....W. A. Ballew
Pisgah....D. M. Matheson
Waynesville and Sylva....W. J. Evans
Terasita....D. C. Slagle
Unaka....To be supplied

STATESVILLE DISTRICT—J. L. Dennis, P. E.

Troy, N. C.

Caldwell....D. A. Lanier
Casar....W. S. Moore

Chandler.....H. D. Christenbury
Daisy.....C. W. Smith
Gladstone.....E. J. Winkler
Glass.....C. F. Casstevens
Greensboro.....N. M. Cooper
Harmony.....S. A. Earnhart
King's Mountain.....F. A. L. Clark
Troy.....J. M. Heath

DISCIPLINARY QUESTION.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Held in Montezuma, N. C., October 5-8, 1905.

Bishop Fowler, Presiding.
A. Graybeal, Secretary.

1. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences? A. E. Brown, from Holston; J. T. Usrey, from Atlantic Mission Conference.

2. Who have been readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? None.

4. Who have been received on trial? L. D. Osborne, D. W. Haga, W. T. Clark.

5. Who have been continued on trial? (a) in studies of first year: M. A. Matheson, J. L. Bumgarner. (b) In studies of second year: J. J. Matney, D. C. Slagle. (c): In studies of third year: None. (d) In studies of fourth year: None.

6. Who have been discontinued? None.

7. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year: D. J. Miller. (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously: None.

8. What members are in studies of third year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year: None. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: None.

9. What members are in studies of fourth year? None.

10. What members have completed the conference course of study? (a) Elected and ordained elders this year: None. (b) Elected and ordained elders previously: None.

11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a) As local preachers: T. W. Arnold. (b) Under missionary rule: None. (c) Under seminary rule: None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained elders? (a) As local deacons: None. (b) Under missionary rule: None. (c) Under seminary rule: None.

13. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was attended to in open Conference.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? None.

15. Who have died? None.

16. Who have been located at their own request? None.

17. Who have been located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

20. Who have been expelled? None.

21. What other personal notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the supernumerary preachers? L. W. Corbett, L. J. Penley.

23. Who are the superanuated preachers? Wm. Rawlings, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, M. W. Broyles.

24. Who are the triers of appeals? D. M. Matheson, C. F. Casstevens, A. Graybeal, W. J. Evans, F. A. L. Clark.

25. What is the statistical report for this year? See statistical report.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference treasurer? $860.

27. What are the claims on the Conference fund? See steward's report.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? See report.

29. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Troy, N. C.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY.

Opening.—The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the chapel of Aaron Seminary, Montezuma, N. C., October 5, 1905, at 8:30 o'clock, with Bishop C. H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D., in the chair.

Devotional Services.—The bishop opened the Conference by administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, being assisted by the presiding elders and secretary. This was a very impressive service.

Roll Call.—The secretary of the last session called the roll and the following were found to be present: J. L. Dennis, A. Graybeal, W. C. Haltom, D. A. Lanier, W. C. Matney, J. F. Matney, L. J. Penley, W. A. Patton, W. R. Blackwelder, J. J. Matney, D. J. Miller, D. C. Slagle, W. J. Evans.

Secretaries.—A. Graybeal and L. J. Penley were elected secretaries. W. C. Haltom, W. R. Blackwelder and D. J. Miller were elected statisticians.

Treasurers.—J. F. Matney and D. A. Lanier were elected treasurers.

D. J. Miller was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the Methodist Review.

Time for Meeting and Adjourning.—Upon motion, 8:30 a. m. was named as time for meeting and 12 m., for adjourning.

Conference Bar.—Upon motion the bar of Conference was fixed so as to include the space in front of the partition.

Committees:

The following committees were appointed:

1. Public Worship.—W. A. Patton, W. C. Haltom.

2. Benevolences.—W. C. Haltom, L. J. Penley.

3. Reforms.—J. F. Matney, W. R. Blackwelder, E. J. Winkler.

4. Auditing.—L. J. Penley, W. J. Evans.

5. Periodicals.—D. A. Lanier, D. M. Matheson.

6. Epworth League.—D. C. Slagle, D. J. Miller, M. M. Rachford.

7. Conference Stewards.—L. J. Penley, C. F. Casstevens, W. C. Haltom, W. J. Evans.

8. State of the Church.—J. F. Matney, D. C. Slagle, J. B. Tucker.

9. Conference Resolutions.—J. F. Matney, D. A. Lanier, A. Graybeal.

10. Church Extension.—W. J. Evans, A. Graybeal, L. J. Penley.

11. Memoirs.—L. J. Penley, M. M. Rachford and J. J. Matney.

Introductions.—Dr. Parr, field secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and presented the claims of the Society.

Question 13. "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. W. A. Patton, presiding elder of the Bakersville District was called, his character passed and he read a report of his district. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: L. J. Penley, W. C. Haltom, A. Graybeal. The following passed in character and reports made by the presiding elder: J. N. S. Doub, J. H. Patterson, J. C. Richardson and H. D. Christenbury. (Report of the latter was made by D. J. Miller).

Clyde District was called. W. C. Matney was passed in character and he read a report of the work on his district. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their benevolences: W. J. Evans,

J. F. Matney. The following passed in character, but were not present: D. M. Matheson, J. H. Gillespie, W. A. Ballew, J. B. Tucker and J. L. Stephenson.

Statesville District was called. J. L. Dennis was passed in character and he read a report of the work on his district. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported either in person or through the presiding elder: D. A. Lanier, S. A. Earnhart, C. F. Casstevens (report not in), C. W. Smith, F. A. L. Clark (report not in), N. M. Cooper and E. J. Winkler.

Question 22. "Who are the supernumerary members?" was taken up. L. W. Corbett was continued in this relation.

Question 23. "Who are the superanuated preachers?" was taken up. Wm. Rawlings, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, M. W. Broyles, J. M. Heath, were continued in this relation.

Question 30. "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Upon nomination of J. L. Dennis, Troy was chosen.

Upon motion the presiding elders were asked to nominate standing committees for next session and have them published in our Journal.

A statistical session was appointed for 2:30 this p. m. J. F. Matney was appointed to preside and D. A. Lanier to conduct the devotions.

L. J. Penley was appointed to conduct prayer service tomorrow morning.

Announcements made and benediction pronounced by Dr. Parr.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to appointment at 2:30 o'clock, with J. F. Matney in the chair. The various charges were called and reports passed to the statistical secretary and treasurer.

Conference adjourned and L. J. Penley preached to the people.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Fowler in the chair. L. J. Penley conducted the devotional exercises, after which Conference business was resumed.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Question 5. "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. W. S. Moore was conducted in the studies of the third year, and permitted to take third and fourth years' examination at next Conference. D. C. Slagle was continued on trial and advanced to studies of the second year, as was also J. J. Matney. M. A. Matheson and J. L. A. Bumgarner were continued on trial in studies of first year and left without an appointment to attend school.

Question 11. "What others have been elected and ordained deacons?" was taken up. Upon recommendation of the Bakersville District Conference, T. W. Arnold was elected to a deacon as a local preacher.

Dr. J. J. Manker, editor of the Methodist Advocate Journal, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of his paper.

Drafts.—The bishop announced that we are entitled to a draft on Book Concern Dividend for $215 and on the Chartered Fund for $22. Drafts ordered in favor of L. J. Penley.

D. J. Miller was appointed to collect Book Concern accounts.

Question 7. "Who have been admitted into full membership?" was taken up. D. J. Miller, having passed in the studies of the second year, upon motion of his presiding elder, was admitted to full membership, and elected to deacon's orders.

W. R. Blackwelder was continued on trial in the studies of the second year.

W. C. Haltom read statistical report. Report adopted.

Question 4. "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. L. D. Osborn and D. W. Haga, upon recommendation of the Bakersville District Conference and their presiding elder, were admitted on trial in the studies of the first year. W. T. Clark coming recommended by the Clyde District Conference and his presiding elder, was admitted on trial in studies of the first year.

Mrs. Chapman, superintendent of Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn., was introduced to the Conference.

Announcements were made and benediction pronounced by the bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met according to appointment at 8:30 with Bishop Fowler in the chair. Devotional services conducted by the bishop.

Minutes read, corrected and adopted.

L. J. Penley was placed on the supernumerary list and his case referred to the Conference stewards for aid.

D. J. Miller read report of committee on periodicals. Adopted.

D. C. Slagle read report on state of the church. Adopted.

L. J. Penley read report of auditing committee. Report adopted.

W. J. Evans read report of committee on church extension. Report adopted.

A resolution was passed, that we ask the Missionary Society for a special appropriation of $1,000 for developing work in South Carolina.

J. F. Matney read treasurer's report. Adopted.

J. F. Matney read report on reforms. Adopted.

Conference stewards' report was read by C. F. Casstevens.

Motion made by J. L. Dennis that we appropriate $20 to J. J. Rhyne.

W. C. Matney read list of committees for next year.

COMMITTEES.

Church Extension.—W. J. Evans, president; C. F. Casstevens, vice-president; W. A. Ballew, secretary. Laymen: J. M. Evans, Jas. Fowler, Wm. Sillers.

Triers Appeals.—D. M. Matheson, C. F. Casstevens, A. Graybeal, W. J. Evans, F. A. L. Clark.

Conference Relations.—A. Graybeal, D. A. Lanier, W. C. Haltom.

Conference Stewards.—W. J. Evans, L. J. Penley, J. N. S. Doub.

Auditing Committee.—D. J. Miller, J. F. Matney.

Benevolences.—L. J. Penley, C. F. Casstevens.

Education.—W. C. Haltrom, A. Graybeal.

Reform.—J. F. Matney, D. C. Slagle.

To preach Missionary Sermon.—W. C. Haltom, D. J. Miller alternate.

Plan for publishing minutes the same as last year; 500 copies ordered. W. C. Matney appointed to publish minutes.

W. C. Matney moved to amend by appointing a committee to solicit help from laymen and that the presiding elders pay $2.00 each. W. M. Voncannon, Esq., appointed committee for laymen.

A. Graybeal moved that the address of Sunday-school superintendents be published in minutes.

Upon motion of W. A. Patton, J. M. Heath, made effective.

Question 2. A. E. Brown, Holston; J. F. Usrey, Atlantic Mission.

Upon motion of A. Graybeal, W. C. Matney and D. J. Miller were appointed as a committee on resolutions.

W. C. Holtom was elected assistant secretary.

Stewards distributed funds as follows:

Mrs. Matney paid to her.

D. N. Franklin paid to W. C. Matney.

Mrs. Owens paid to J. L. Dennis.

Mrs. Johnson paid to D. J. Miller.

Mrs. Clayton paid to W. C. Matney.

J. J. Rhyme paid to D. J. Miller.

L. J. Penley paid to himself.

Dr. E. B. Caldwell, field secretary for Missionary Society, Dr. Rhodes, representing Sunday School Union, Dr. Thirkiehl, secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society and Prof. Simons, professor of theology in Grant University, were present and introduced to the audience at different times and delivered splendid addresses.

On motion it was ordered that when the appointments should be read tomorrow evening the Conference adjourn sine die.

Benediction by the bishop.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING

Conference met according to appointment at 7:15. Dr. Caldwell lectured on Missions after which Bishop Fowler took the chair.

W. C. Matney read complementary resolutions.

W. A. Patton read a resolution concerning charges in Conference boundaries. See resolution which was adopted.

The Bishop appointed the following committee to confer with Holston and Atlantic Mission Conferences relative to proposed changes in boundaries: J. D. Dennis, W. C. Matney, W. A. Patton, A. Graybeal, W. C. Haltom.

The bishop read the appointments after which the Conference adjourned sine die.

This is to certify that this is the official journal of the

27th session of the Blue Ridge Conference.

C. H. FOWLER, Pres.

A. GRAYBEAL, Secy.

This is to certify that on Oct. 8th, 1905, in Montezuma, N. C., I ordained Deacons D. J. Miller and T. W. Arnold.

C. H. FOWLER.

Reports

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Revs. W. C. Haltom and A. Graybeal, pastors of this charge, and their efficient committee for the splendid way in which they have received and entertained this session of the Conference.

Resolved, That we record our gratitude to the good people of Montezuma, for the royal reception they have given us in their homes; and for the evident Christian hospitality which they have shown.

Resolved, That we regard as helpful the visit to our Conference of the representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, namely, Mrs. F. V. Chapman, and pray for rich blessings upon their work.

Resolved, That we have been delighted with the presence and helpful words and stirring addresses of Dr. Rhoads, of the Sunday-School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. Thirkield, of the F. A. & S. E. Society; Dr. Caldwell, representing the great missionary cause, and Dr. Parr, of the Church Extension Society, and Dr. Simond, of U. S. Grant University, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the presidency of Bishop C. H. Fowler over this session of the Conference; that his addresses and his sermon have been helpful and inspiring; that his conduct of the business of the Conference has been satisfactory, and that we will gladly welcome him to preside at any future session.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of the secretary, A. Graybeal; his assistants, L. J. Penley, Treasurer J. F. Matney and assistants, D. A. Lanier and W. J. Evans.

Resolved, That we appreciate the services of W. C. Haltom Statistical Secretary.

Resolved, That we record our high appreciation of the excellent music rendered by the choir of the church at the various services during the Conference.

W. C. MATNEY,
D. J. MILLER.

Resolved, That we, the Blue Ridge Conference, now in session, do appoint a commission of five to meet a similar commission from

the Atlantic Mission and Holston Conferences, for the purpose of dividing the territory of these Conferences into two Conferences.

W. C. MATNEY,
W. A. PATTON,
J. L. DENNIS,
A. GRAYBEAL,
W. C. HALTOM,
Committee.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Blue Ridge Conference be, and is hereby directed to notify the Atlantic Mission and Holston Conferences of this action of our Conference, and request them to appoint similar commissions to meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by said commissioners.

REFORMS.

Whereas, intemperance is the greatest blighting curse of the present generation, and is detrimental to all good order and peace, and a nuisance everywhere: We do fully endorse the Discipline on the subject of temperance and further add that both pastors and presiding elders be, and are hereby earnestly admonished to see to it that the law of the Discipline of the church be enforced against any and all intemperance.

2d. Sabbath Observance. Sabbath desecration at the present day is exceedingly fearful. In this our beloved Christian land, as well as in foreign countries, the law of the Sabbath is held in such reckless disregard that the Sabbath has become largely a day of pleasure seeking. This sad state of affairs applies not only to the world but to many church members as well. Both old and young, to say the least, are guilty of robbing God of the one-seventh of time which He has sanctified for Himself.

3d. Amusements. The dance, the social card table, the playing at games, the theater and kindred things are not in harmony with the true spirit of the gospel and ought not to be practiced or tolerated by any Christian community. In view of the existence of the foregoing evils collectively, be it resolved:

(1) That the Ministry of the Blue Ridge Conference enter a most solemn protest against any such unholy practice or customs.

(2) That there be wise and judicious legislation and a faithful execution of law both in church and state against all such prevailing evils.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. MATNEY.

Inasmuch as the Methodist Advocate Journal is a first-class paper both in material and style, and is wholesome in doctrine; and is located so as to serve us better than any other Methodist paper, and inasmuch as it has been such a mighty factor in the hands of God in bringing up our work in this Southland:

Resolved, That we, as presiding elders and pastors of the Blue Ridge Conference, pledge our continued support to the same and that we pastors each pledge ourselves to secure at least five new subscribers for the paper by January 1, 1906.

D. J. MILLER.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the success with which He has crowned our labor in the Blue Ridge Conference.

There has been considerable advancement along several lines of work.

The financial condition is on the upward march. The spiritual condition is fairly good. Our people are going forward in the line of Education and Church Extension.

Our prayer is that this good work may go on.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MATNEY, D. C. S.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the receipts of the presiding elders, and find them correct.

L. J. PENLEY,
W. J. EVANS.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

From the inception of the work in 1866, to October 1st, 1905, the Board of Church Extension has collected and disbursed $8,151,-233, and has aided 15,656 churches; of this number 112 are found within the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference. This Conference has collected and paid to the Board $2,316; while we have received by donations $12,730 and by loans $2,950, making a grand total of $15,680 granted to our needy field.

The amount of aid granted must depend on the amount of the collections taken. Interest, therefore, in our own Conference, as

well as in the general cause, should inspire us to use all diligence to secure the full amount asked, and if possible to go beyond it.

Respectfully submitted,

A. GRAYBEAL.
W. J. EVANS,

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

L. D. Holbrook	Traphill,	N. C.
J. W. Gilliam	Benham,	"
J. E. Harris	Montezuma,	"
A. K. Wensie	Concord,	"
J. D. Murple	Concord,	"
J. S. Ferrell	Huntersville,	"
Miss Buna Huskins	Spruce Pine,	"
Rev. Samuel Greer	Minneapolis,	"
Calvin Hodge	Vale,	"
Sandy Hughes	Brummitt,	"
M. C. Boily	Green Mt.,	"
Mary Garland	Harrell,	"
Mrs. Mattie Smathers	Clyde,	"
Wesley Henson	Canton,	"
D. W. Shook, R. F. D.	Canton,	"
C. C. Smathers, R. F. D.	Canton,	"
Thos. King	Sandy Mush,	"
George Gillespie	Leicester,	"
I. E. Herren, R. F. D.	Asheville,	"
George Penland	Candler,	"
Thos. Taylor, R. F. D.	Candler,	"
George Warren	Candler	"
Walter O. Kelley, R. F. D.	Candler,	"
A. H. Conningham, R. F. D.	Murphy,	"
G. W. Hampton, R. F. D.	Murphy,	"
Julius Bird	Vests,	"
W. M. Morrow	Nina,	"
Mrs. Luther Hampton	Unaka,	"
P. C. Gentry	Grand View,	"
G. P. Bell	Unaka,	"
Geo. Garrett	Dellwood,	"
Amos Setzar	Maggie,	"
G. S. Boman	Alonzo,	"
T. L. Stanfield	Gueice,	"
J. T. Watts	Teresita,	"

W. O. Penland.....Shoaling Creek, N. C.
James Sellers.....Hunt, Ga.
J. T. Ledford.....Hunt, Ga.
J. B. Ledford.....Hayesville, N. C.

CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

W. C. Matney—President.

A. Graybeal—Secretary and Treasurer.

C. F. Casstevens—Vice-President.

C. W. Smith, W. C. Haltom and J. H. Gillespie, additional trustees.

$40.00 voted to claimants.

$5.00 cash on hand being amount turned over by stewards.

1 note dated April 8, 1902, for $100, secured by real estate.

1 note dated December 12, 1892, for $100 less $40 paid.

1 note dated November 1, 1894, for $28.

1 note dated November 15, 1893, for $24.

1 note dated August 2, 1895, for $50.

1 note dated November 4, 1893, for $50.

1 note dated September 3, 1903, for $115.

1 note dated February 12, 1903, for $170.96 less $140 paid.

1 note dated May 15, 1903, for $71.41 less $60 paid.

1 note for $100 real estate security.

1 note for $60 real estate security.

1 note for $486, given November 14, 1904.

1 note for $212, less $190 paid, secured by real estate.

A. GRAYBEAL,
Treasurer.

STATISTICS No. 1. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1905.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Trap Hill		202			1		2	12	106	2	$ 800	1	$ 300	$		
Green Mountain	10	177	2		4	35	3	18	200	5	1000	1	200	500		
Zion	50	300	2			19	8	42	700	8	4000			100		
Bakersville	22	200	1	3		15	3	20	250	4	1500	1	200	50		
Wilkesboro	25	180	4	1	3	13	4	18	220	4	3000					
Jefferson	4	408	9	2		17	6	26	275	7	5000	1	400			
Boone		160	1	1	4	1	5	16	180	5	1700					
Larel Branch	5	145	2	1	2	4	5	18	135	5	1500					
Yadkin	27	372	5		1	29	5	25	250	5	2400	1	300	50		
Montezuma	20	305	3				5	20	250	7	3500	1	650	150		
Creston	12	32	7	3		10	5	29	327	5	2500					
Total	175	2739	36	11	15	144	51	244	2882	57	$26900	6	$ 2050	$ 750	$	$

STATISTICS No. 1. CLYDE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1905.

NANES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Membership.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Marion	26	200		2			3	27	190	4	$ 3000	1	$ 600	$	$	$
Pisgah	9	234	2	4	2	2	4	26	290	4	3600	1	600			
Irvin		162		3	2		3	12	145	4	2500	1	300	5		
Culberson	9	145	1	3			3	12	100	2	1600	1	350			
Terasita	9	195	3	1	3	5	4	23	218	5	2800	2	800	75		125
Clyde	1	550			2	10	4	24	300	5	5000	1	890			
Asheville	5	200		4	7	2	2	10	100	3	2900	1	600	30		
Waynesville		60		1			2	8	85	1	1000			25		
Sylva	5	84	1				1	4	45	3	1000	1	300			
Unaka		113	1			8	2	9	75	4	2500	1	120			
Leicester	15	235		1	4		3	18	150	3	3500	1	1000			
Hiwassee Mission							1	4	60							
Total	79	2178	8	19	20	27	32	177	1758	38	$29535	11	$ 5478	$ 125	$	$ 125
Recapitulation:																
Statesville District	69	2372	11	16	53	40	31	174	2273	44	29535	7	4725	1500		350
Bakersville District	175	2736	36	11	15	144	51	244	2882	57	28650	6	25..	750		
Grand Total this Year	323	7289	55	46	88	291	114	595	6913	139	$82665	24	$ 9105	$ 2375	$	$ 475
Grand Total last Year	424	6763	49	59	86	182	121	633	6392	138	78395	23	8055	7845	760	238
Increase		526	6		2	109			521	1	$ 4250	1	$ 15	$	$	$
Decrease	101			13			7	38						5470	760	137

STATISTICS No. 1. STATESVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1905.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Propertv.						
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Greensboro		189	1							3	$ 1500		$	$ 25	$	$
Chandler	6	221		2		5	3	15	163	6	2650	1	150	200		
Troy	15	235	1			15	2	10	200	5	2000					
King's Mountain	12	342	1	2	9		3	15	500	4	2500	1	200			
Gladstone	8	150	2	3	4	2	3	15	200	4	1600	1	500	75		
Kaiser Circuit	8	320	1	1	16	8	7	48	570	6	3000	1	500	800		200
Daisy	5	275	1	4	2	4	5	20	330	5	2400	1	300			
Glass	6	200		2	18	1	3	21	120	4	3000	1	1000	400		150
Caldwell	9	180	1	1	1		2	10	100	4	680	1	50			
Harmony		260	3	1	3	5	3	10	90	3	1800					
Total	69	2372	11	16	53	40	31	164	2273	44	$21130	7	$ 2700	$ 1500	$	$ 350

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of All Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Dept.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars, Ch. Memb's or Pro.	No. Converted during the Year.	Current Expenses.
Trap Hill.....	2	12	106	60	5	11	100	5	47
Green Mtn.....	3	18	200	150		18	100	60	10
Zion	8	42	700	500		42	350	114	30
Laurel Branch..	5	18	135	120		18		21	4
Boone	5	16	180	150		16	150	1	4
Jefferson	6	26	244	190		26	195	20	15
Wilkesboro	4	18	220	125		12	65	7	6
Bakersville	3	20	250	200		20	215	15	20
Yadkin	5	28	300	250		28	200	10	15
Montezuma	5	20	250	200		20	175	5	25
Creston	5	29	327	225		29	200	61	23
Total.....	51	247	2912	2170	5	240	1750	319	199

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Caldwell	2	10	100	75		10		9	8
Daisy	5	20	330	250		20			30
Glass	3	21	120	80		21		3	15
Caser	7	42	570	350		40		21	30
Gladstone	3	15	200	187		12		21	12
Chandler	3	15	161	140		15			10
Greensboro	2	10	140	105		10			10
Troy	2	10	200	165		10		30	10
King's Mtn....	3	15	200	165		15			10
Harmony	3	20	250	175		20			20
Total.....	33	178	2271	1692		173	1942	84	155

CLYDE DISTRICT.

Leicester	3	18	150	95		15			
Unaka	2	9	75	45		45			8
Sylvia	1	4	45	25		2			4
Waynesville ...	2	8	85	70					12
Asheville	2	10	100	90		10	75		15
Terasita	4	23	218	175		15		5	15
Culberson	3	12	100	80		12			18
Clyde	4	24	300	225		20		10	25
Pisgah	4	26	290	170		24	130	18	50
Irvin	3	12	145	80		10			
Marion	3	27	190	150		23		6	30
Total.....	31	173	1698	1205		176	205	39	177
Bakersville Dist	51	247	2912	2170	5	240	1750	319	199
Statesville Dist.	33	178	2271	1692		173	1942	84	155
Grand total	115	598	6881	5067	5	589	4897	442	531
Last year.....	121	633	6357	4455		763	390	651	492
Increase			524	612	5		4507		39
Decrease	6	35				174		209	

STATISTICS No. 3, BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1905.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiences.	Support P. Elders Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Bishops Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	C'nf'r-ence Claim-ants. Collecti'ns	Total.	Current Expenses Church, Sexton, light, fuel	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Montezuma	Haltom & Graybeal	$ 200	$	$ 200	$ 80	$	$ 80	$120	$ 45	$ 45	$	$	$ 125	$	$	$	$
Zion	D. J. Miller	170		170	182		182		30	24	1		206	3	3		
Green Mountain	H. A. Blankenship	100		100	100		100		20	20			120				
Trap Hill	J. N. S. Doub	150		150	90	20	110	40	20	20	1	1	131	7	7		6
Yadkin	J. C. Richaadson	204	30	234	182	34	216	18	30	30			246				
Boone	M. M. Ratchford	150		150	65		65	85	32	32	1	1	98			4	
Laurel Branch	F. M. Welborn	150		150	48		48	101					48				
Jefferson	W. R. Blackwelder	300	18	318	244	18	262	50	50	31	1	1	294	1	1		
Wilkesboro	T. H. Cole	100		100	50		50	50					50				
Bakersville	L. J. Penley	155		155	155		155		40	30			185				
Creston	F. Cole	175		175	100		100	75					100				
Total		$ 1854	$ 48	$ 1902	$ 1296	$ 72	$ 1368	$539	$ 267	$ 232	$ 4	$ 3	$1603	$11	$11	$ 4	$ 6

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STATISTICS No. 3, CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1905.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiences.	Support P. Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	C'nf'r-ence Claim-ants. Collect'ns	Total.	Current Expenses Church, Sex-ton, light, fuel	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Marion	J. B. Tucker	$ 200	$ 12	$ 212	$ 151	$ 12	$ 163	$ 49	$ 25	$ 25	$ 1	$ 2	$ 190	$ 6	$ 6	$ 10	$ 20
Sylva	D. C. Stagle	125	20	145	78	20	98	47	24	15	1	1	115	4	4		
Unaka	M. A. West	100	12	112	89	7	96	11	20	20	1	1	117	2	2	8	8
Leicester	W. A. Ballew	255	40	295	216	40	256	69	32	32	1	1	287	4	4	25	27
Hiawassee Mission	M. A. Matheson	40		40	16		16						16			3	6
Waynesville	J. J. Matney	100		100	50		50	50	20	9			59	1	1	8	12
Irvin	J. S. Grahl	150	40	190	120	40	160	29	32	30	1	1	191	3	3	10	15
Pisgah	J. L. Stephenson	215	75	290	215	75	290		28	28	2	2	318	5	5	40	32
Clyde	J. F. Matney	335	50	385	295	50	345	30	45	45	2	2	392	5	5	35	15
Culberson	D. M. Matheson	155	36	191	120	36	156	35	30	30	1	1	187	2	2	8	10
Terasita	W. T. Clark	147	15	162	120	15	135	27	25	28	1	1	164	3	3	15	15
Asheville	W. J. Evans	200	40	240	110	40	150	90	30	19	2		169	3	3	5	
Clyde District		$ 2022	$340	$ 2362	$ 1580	$335	$ 1915	$437	$ 311	$ 281	$ 13	$ 12	$2205	$38	$38	$ 167	$ 160
Bakersville District		1854	48	1902	1296	62	1368	589	267	232	4	3	1603	11	11	4	6
Statesville		1669	142	1811	1284	142	1426	355	230	222	8	8	1656	7	7	35	63
Grand Total		$ 5545	$530	$ 6075	$ 4160	$539	$ 4709	1381	$ 808	$ 735	$ 25	$ 23	$5464	$56	$56	$ 206	$ 229

STATISTICS No. 3, STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1905.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiences.	Support P. Elders Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Bishops Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	C'nf'r-ence Claim-ants. Collecti'ns	Total.	Current Expenses Church, Sexton, light, fuel	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Glass	F. A. L. Clark	$ 185	$ 40	$ 225	$ 160	$ 40	$ 200	$ 25	$ 20	$ 20	$ 1	$ 1	$ 221	$ 2	$ 2	$ 5	$ 15
Daisy	C. F. Casstevens	275	18	293	190	18	208	67	30	30	1	1	239	1	1	3	30
Caldwell	J. V. Moore	85		85	60		60	25	20	21			81				
King's Mountain	E. J. Winkler	200	45	245	195	45	240	5	25	25	2	2	267				
Greensboro	N. M. Cooper	50		50	30		30	20	10	10			40				
Chandler	S. A. Earnhardt	119	30	149	111	30	141	6	20	21	1	1	163			15	
Gladstone	C. W. Smith	200	9	209	118	9	127	72	25	25			152	1	1	12	
Casar	D. A. Lanier	200		200	200		200		30	30	1	1	231	2	2		8
Troy	W. S. Moore	155		155	120		120	35	25	25	1	1	146				
Harmony	G. H. Weaver	200		200	100		100	100	25	15	1	1	116	1	1		10
Total		$ 1669	$142	$ 1811	$ 1284	$142	$ 1426	$355	$ 230	$ 222	$ 8	$ 8	$1656	$ 7	$ 7	$ 35	$ 63

STATISTICS No. 4, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1905

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																
	MISSIONS				S. S. Union				Education					W.H.M. Society			
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total	Board of Church Extension	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & So'n Edu. Society	(a) Public Ed. Collection	(b) Children's Fund	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'ty	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses
BALERSVILLE DIS	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Montezuma	17		17	15				3		10						
Yadkin	8		8	2									1			
Trap Hill	2		2	2				1								
Green Mountain	4		4	1												
Laurel Branch	3		3	1				1								
Jefferson	23		23	1	1		1	1	2		1	1	2			1
Wilkesboro	5		5										2			
Bakersville	9		9													
Zion	75		75					3					4			
Boone	8	1	9	1	1	1		2		1						
Creston	8		8	2								2	4			
Total	162	1	155	24	2	1	1	11	2	11	1	3	13			1
CLYDE DISTRICT																
Irvin	25		25	5					2				1	1		
Marion	22		22	6	1		1		2		1	1	3			
Hiawassee Mission	3		3						3							
Leicester	25		25	5	1								2			
Unaka	10		10	4		1	1									
Sylva	11		11	5	1		1				1	1	3			
Waynesville Mission	12		12	3									1		5	
Asheville	10	7	17	3			1		2			1	1			
Terasita	10	8	18	7		1	1	3	5				2			
Culberson	20		20	3									2			
Clyde	69	11	80	25				5		3						
Pisgah	20		20	5		1	1	2	2	2			2			
Total	240	26	266	71	3	3	6	10	16	5	2	3	17	1	5	
STATESVILLE DIS																
Caldwell	3		3	1												
Daisy	20		20	5		1	1	2	1	1						1
Glass	10	5	15	7		1		3			1	1	2			
Caser	16		16	2		1		2		1		1	1			
Gladstone	10		10	3					1							
Chandler	11		11	3	1		1	2	1	1	1	1	1			
Greensboro	1		1													
Troy	10		10	4					1			1				
Kings Mountain	12		12	3	1											
Harmony																
Statesville Total	93	5	98	28	2	3	2	11	4	3	2	4	4			1
Bakersville Total	162	1	155	24	2	1	1	11	2	11	1	3	13			1
Clyde Total	240	26	266	71	3	3	6	10	16	5	2	3	17	1	5	
Grand Total	$195	$ 32	$519	$123	$ 7	$ 7	$ 9	$ 32	$ 22	$ 19	$ 5	$ 10	$ 34	$ 1	$ 5	$ 2

TREASURER'S REPORT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, 1905

NAMES OF CHARGES	Missionary Society		Church Extension		Sunday School Union		Tract Society		Fre'dm'n's Aid & So'th'n Educational S'ty.		Education (a) Public Ed'l Coll'n		Education (b) Children's Fund		American Bible Society		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		Woman's Home Missionary Society		Conference Claimants		Episcopal Fund		Recapitulation		
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Total Cash	Total Voucher	Total
CLYDE DIS	$	$	$	$	$		$		$		$	$	$	$	$		$		$		$	$	$		$	$	$
Asheville	17		3				1					2					1		1		3		2		28	2	30
Culberson	7	14	3																2		2				14	14	28
Clyde	80		13	12					5				3								5		2		108	12	120
Irvin	25			5								2							1		3		1		30	7	37
Leicester	20		5		1							3									4		1		31	3	34
Marion	22		6		1		1				2				1		1		3		6		2		45		45
Pisgah	20			5	1		1		2			2	2						2		5		2		35	7	42
Sylva	14			5	1		1								1		1		3			4	1		22	9	31
Therasita	18			7	1		1		3			5							2		3		1		29	12	41
Unaka	10			4	1		1												2		2		1		17	4	21
Hiwassee	1	2																							1	2	3
Waynesville	12		3																1		1				17		17
Total	$ 246	$ 16	$ 33	$ 38	$ 6		$ 6		$ 10		$ 2	$ 14	$ 5	$	$ 2		$ 3		$ 17		$ 34	$ 4	$ 13		$ 377	$ 72	$449
BAKERSVILLE DIS																											
Bakersville	9																								9		9
Boone	8		1		1		1		1		2		1												15		15
Creston	8		2														2		4						16		16
Trap Hill	2		2						1												1		1		7		7
Jefferson	23		1		1		1		1		2				1		1		2		1		1		35		35
Montezuma	17		7						3					10											27	10	37
Wilkesboro	5																		2						7		7
Yadkin	8		2																1		1				12		12
Laurel Branch	3		1						1																5		5
Green Mountain	4		1																						5		5
Zion	75								3										4		3				85		85
Total	$ 162		$ 17		$ 2		$ 2		$ 10		$ 4		$ 1	$ 10	$ 1		$ 3		$ 13		$ 6		$ 2		$ 223	$ 10	$233
STATESVILLE DIS																											
Chandler	11		3		1		1		2		1		1		1		1		1		3		1		27		27
Daisy	20		5		1		1		2		1		1								3		1		35		35
Gladstone	10		3								1										1				15		15
Glass	15		7		1				5						1		1		2		2		1		35		35
Greensboro	1																								1		1
Harmony																											
Casar	16		2		1				2				1				1		1		2		1		27		27
Kings Mountain	12		3		1																				16		16
Troy	10		4								1						1				1		1		18		18
Caldwell	3		1																						4		4
Statesville—Total	$ 98		$ 28	$	$ 5		$ 2		$ 11		$ 4	$	$ 3	$	$ 2		$ 4		$ 4		$ 12	$	$ 5		$ 178	$	$178
Clyde—Total	246	$ 16	33	38	6		6		10		2	14	5		2		3		17		34	4	18		377	72	449
Bakersville—Total	162		17		2		2		10		4		1	10	1		3		13		6		2		223	10	233
Grand Total	$ 506	$ 16	$ 78	$ 38	$ 13		$ 10		$ 31		$ 10	$ 14	$ 9	$ 10	$ 5		$ 10		$ 34		$ 52	$ 4	$20		$ 778	$ 82	$860

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DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARIES.
1879, Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer.

CHANGED TO BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

1880, Jan. 28, Feb. 1,	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton.
1881, " 20-24,	Leicester,	" Warren,	W. G. Matton.
1882, " 19-23,	Asheville,	" Foster,	W. G. Matton.
1883, " 24-29,	Gastonia,	" Merrill,	W. G. Matton.
1884, " 30, Feb. 4,	Asheville,	" Bowman, J	D. Robertson.
1885, Feb. 12-16,	Clyde,	" Andrews, J.	D. Robertson.
1885, Oct. 1-5,	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford.
1886, " 7-11,	Smith's Chapel,	" Walden,	W. T. Ford.
1887, " 19-23,	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	W. Q. A. Graham.
1888, " 18-22,	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	"
1889, " 17-21,	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Robertson.
1890, " 16-20,	Clyde,	" Joyce,	"
1891, " 21-25,	Asheville,	" Warren,	A. Graybeal.
1892, " 13-16,	Poindexter,	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble.
1893, " 12-16,	Daisy,	" Hurst, W.	Q. A. Graham.
1894, Sep. 27, Oct. 1,	Smith's Ch'p'l,	" Foster,	"
1895, Oct. 9-14,	Clyde,	" Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal.
1896, Sep. 24 27,	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	"
1897, Oct. 11-17,	Walkertown,	" Andrews,	"
1898, " 20-24,	Marion,	" Goodsell,	"
1899, " 19 22,	Seward,	" Fowler,	"
1900, " 4-7,	Clyde,	" Cranston,	"
1901, " 24-27,	Montezuma,	" Goodsell,	"
1902, " 23-26,	Seward,	" Walden,	"
1903, " 7-10,	Glass,	" Joyce,	"
1904, " 6-11,	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	"
1905, " 5-8,	Montezuma,	" Fowler,	"
1906, " 4-8,	Troy,	" Bashford,	"

OUR DEAD

NAME.	DIED.	ADMITTED.	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Parker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1881	From N. C. Conference.
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference.
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference.
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1896	1880	From Holston.
A. H. Peeples	1897	1905	On trial.
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial.
W. G. Matton	1901	——	From N. C. Conference.
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial.
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

MRS. MAKAY.

CONFERENCE ROLL, 1906

NAME.	ORDER.	POSTOFFICE.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Ballew, W. A.	Elder	Old Eort	1885
Casstevens, C. F.	"	Glass	1890
Clark, F. A. L.	"	Lansing	1884
Cooper, N. M.	"	Greensboro	1884
Christenberry, H. D	"	Huntersville, R. F. D.	1884
Dennis, J. L.	"	Troy	1891
Doub, J. N. S	"	Trap Hill	1895
Earnheardt, S. A.	"	Misenheimer	——
Graybeal, A	"	Montezuma	1882
Lanear, D. A.	"	Claremont, R. F. D.	1890
Matney, J. F.	"	Statesville, R. F. D. 5	1888
" W. C.	"	Clyde	1889
" J. J	Deacon	Misenheimer	1904
Matheson, D. M.	Elder	Candler	1888
Moore, W. S.	"	Casar	1897
Patton, W. A.	"	Lansing	1898
Tucker, J. B.	"	Troy	1895
Winkler, E. J.	"	Wilkesboro	1888
Heath, J. M.	"	Walkertown	1889
Evans, W. J.	"	Canton	1888
Richardson, J. C.	"	Poindexter	——
Miller, D. J	"	Clyde	1903
Brown, A. E.	"	Montezuma	1905
Usrey, J. F.	"	Trap Hill	1905
Penley, L. J.	"	King's Mt.	1888

PROBATIONERS.

Johnson, A. L.	Deacon	Chattanooga	1895
Bumgarner, J. L. A.	Licentiate	Athens	1901
Matheson, M. A.	"	Blantyre	1903
Slagle, D. C	"	Terasita	1904
Osborne, L. D.	Deacon	Green Valley	1905
Haga, D. W.	Licentiate	Green Valley	1905
Clark, W. T.	"	Haysville	1905
Dennis, A. B.	"	Leicester	1906
Earnhardt, D. L.	"	Culberson	1906
Latham, A. L.	"	Asheville, R. F. D. 2	1906
Boyd, J. M.	"	Montezuma	1906

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

Corbett, L. W.	Elder	Plateau	——
Smith, C. W.	"	Tobaccoville	1895

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

Rawlings, Wm.	Elder	Hickory Grove, Pa.	1889
Franklin, D. N.	"	Sylva	1885
Rhyme, J. J.	"	Eupeptic Springs	1887
Broyles, M. W.	"	Alto	1879

OFFICERS, 1906.

President	James W. Bashford, D. D., LL. D.
Secretary	A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
Assistant Secretary	C. F. Casstevens
Statistical Secretary	D. J. Miller
Assistant Statistician	D. M. Matheson
Treasurer	J. F. Matney
Assistant Treasurer	J. M. Boyd

COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS.

President	A. Graybeal; Registrar, W. C. Matney
For Admission	W. C. Matney, J. M. Boyd
First Year	D A. Lanier, W S. Moore
Second Year	F. A. L. Clark, J. M. Heath
Third Year	C. F. Casstevens, J. F. Matney
Fourth Year	W A. Patton, J. L. Dennis
Local Orders	J. C. Richardson, D. W. Haga

All examinations day preceding next session of the Conference.
Examinations in writing.
To preach Missionary Sermon: J. F. Matney; Alternate, J. M. Boyd.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President	W. J. Evans
Vice President	D. J. Miller
Secretary	A. B. Dennis

Additional Members: J. M. Evans, Wm. Sellers, Geo. Warren, Presiding Elders, ex-officio members.

APPOINTMENTS.

CLYDE DISTRICT, W. C. MATNEY, P. E., CLYDE, N. C.

Asheville ..... A. L. Latham
Culberson ..... D. L. Earnhardt
Clyde ..... D. J. Miller
Fort Hembree ..... W. T. Clark
Hiwassee Mission ..... To be supplied
Irvin ..... M. A. Matheson
Leicester ..... A. B. Dennis
Marion ..... W. A. Ballew
Pisgah ..... D. M. Matheson
Sylva ..... To be supplied
Spartanburg ..... Supplied
Terasita ..... D. C. Slagle
Unaka ..... Supplied
Waynesville ..... W. J. Evans
Greenville ..... E. J. Winkler
Terasita School ..... D. C. Slagle

STATESVILLE DISTRICT, J. L. DENNIS, P. E., TROY, N. C.

Caldwell ..... D. A. Lanier
Casar ..... W. S. Moore
Chandler ..... H. D. Christenberry
Daisy ..... I. M. Heath
Gladstone ..... J. J. Matney
Glass ..... C. F. Casstevens
Greensboro ..... N. M. Cooper
Harmony ..... S. A. Earnhardt
King's Mountain ..... L. J. Penley
Troy Station ..... J. A. Sisk
Troy Circuit ..... J. B. Tucker
Randleman ..... sup., L. W. Corbett

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, W. A. PATTON, P. E., LANSING, N. C.

Bakersville ..... A. Graybeal
Boone ..... L. D. Osborn
Creston ..... D. W. Haga
Green Mountain ..... A. Traylor
Jefferson ..... F. A. L. Clark
Laurel Branch ..... J. N. S. Doub
Montezuma ..... J. M. Boyd
Montezuma Circuit ..... A. E. Brown
Pond Mountain ..... T. A. Farmer, sup.

Trap Hill.....J F. Usrey
Wilkesboro.....D. J. White, sup.
Yadkin.....J. C. Richardson
Zion.....J. F. Matney
Aaron Seminary.....J. M. Boyd

DISCIPLINARY QUESTION.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Held in Troy, N. C., October 4-8, 1906.

Bishop Bashford, Presiding.
A. Graybeal, Secretary.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences? James A. Sisk, from the Holston Conference.

2. Who have been readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? None.

4. Who have been received on trial? (a) in studies of first year: A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnheardt, A. L. Latham, J. M. Boyd. (b) In studies of third year: none.

5. Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of first year: J. L. A. Bumgarner, M. A. Matheson, W. T. Clark. (b) In studies of second year: D. C. Slagle, L. D. Osborne, D. W. Haga. (c) In studies of third year: W. S. Moore, J. J. Matney. (d) In studies of fourth year: D. J. Miller.

6. Who have been discontinued? W. R. Blackwelder.

7. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year: J. J. Matney. (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously: None.

8. What members are in studies of third year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year: J. J. Matney. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: W. S. Moore.

9. What members are in studies of fourth year? D. J. Miller.

10. What members have completed the Conference course of study? (a) elected and ordained elders this year: C. M. Warden. (b) Elected previously: None.

11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a) As local preachers: None. (b) Under missionary rule: L. D. Osborne, D. L. Earnhardt, A. B. Dennis. (c) Under seminary rule: None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained elders? (a) As local deacons: C. M. Warden. (b) Under missionary rule: None. (c) Under seminary rule: None.

13. What was the character of each preacher examined? This was attended to in open Conference.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what conferences? W. C. Haltom to Holston, and J. H. Gillespie to Porto Rico Mission.

15. Who have died? None.

16. Who have been located at their own request? None.

17. Who have been located? J. H. Patterson.

18. Who have withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

20. Who have been expelled? None.

21. What other personal notation should be made? The orders of Moses M. Ratchford, coming to us as a local deacon from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were recognized.

22. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. W. Smith, L. W. Corbett.

23. Who are the superannuated preachers? Wm. Rawlings, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, M. W. Broyles.

24. Who are the triers of appeals? See list among committees.

25. What is the statistical report for this year? See statistical tables.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference treasurer? $1,437.

27. What are the claims on the Conference fund? $348.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? $348 applied according to vote of the Conference.

29. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Kings Mountain and Walkertown sent invitations. Walkertown, N. C., was chosen.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY.

Opening.—The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in our church in Troy, N. C., October 4th, 1906, at 8:30 o'clock, with Bishop Bashford, D. D., LL. D., in the chair.

Devotional Services.—The bishop opened the Conference by administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, being assisted by the presiding elders. This was indeed a very precious service.

Roll Call.—The secretary of last session called the roll and the following were found to be present: C. F. Casstevens, D. A. Lanier, W. C. Matney, J. F. Matney, W. S. Moore, D. M. Matheson, W. A. Patton, J. B. Tucker, J. M. Heath, J. C. Richardson, D. J. Miller, J. F. Insruy, J. J. Matney, L. D. Osborne, D. W. Haga, L. J. Penley and A. Graybeal.

Secretaries.—A. Graybeal was, upon nomination of W. C. Matney, elected secretary. C. F. Casstevens was elected assistant secretary.

Statistical Secretaries.—Upon motion of W. A. Patton, D. J. Miller was elected statistical secretary, with D. M. Matheson, assistant.

Treasurer.—J. F. Matney was elected Conference treasurer, with Prof. J. M. Boyd as his assistant.

Time of Meeting and Adjourning.—Upon motion of J. L. Dennis, 8:30 a. m. was named as time for meeting and 12 m. for closing, first half hour given to prayer service.

Conference Bar.—Upon motion of W. A. Patton, the Conference bar was fixed so as to include seats in front of post.

The bishop announced that the rules of order adopted by the last General Conference, so far as they will apply to our work, will be used.

Committees—

W. C. Matney read nominations for the various committees, and they were appointed as follows:

1. Public Worship.—J. L. Dennis and J. A. Sisk.

2. Triers of Appeals.—D. M. Matheson, C. F. Casstevens, A. Graybeal, W. J. Evans and F. A. L. Clark.

3. Conference Relations.—A. Graybeal, D. A. Lanier and D. M. Matheson.

4. Conference Stewards.—A. Graybeal, J. N. S. Doub, W. J. Evans, C. F. Casstevens.

5. Auditing Committee.—D. J. Miller, J. A. Sisk.

6. Benevolences.—L. J. Penley, C. F. Casstevens.

7. Education.—A. Graybeal, Prof. J. M. Boyd.

8. Reforms.—J. F. Matney, D. C. Slagle.

Question 13, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. W. C. Matney was called, character passed and he read a report of his work as presiding elder of the Clyde District.

Upon motion of W. C. Matney, the pastors were requested to report their benevolent collections in full, improvement of church and parsonage property, conversions and accessions to the church.

The following effective elders were called, their character passed and they reported their work: J. B. Tucker, J. F. Matney, W. A. Ballew (reported by P. E.), W. J. Evans (reported by J. F. Matney), D. M. Matheson.

J. C. Richardson was called and his character passed.

The following reported: J. J. Matney, D. L. Earnhardt.

The presiding elder reported for M. A. Matheson.

D. C. Slagle and W. T. Clark were called, but were not present to report.

Drafts.—The bishop announced that the Conference is entitled to a draft on the Book Concern for $234 and a draft on Chartered Fund for $22. Drafts ordered in favor of the Conference treasurer, J. F. Matney.

Bakersville District. W. A. Patton was called, character passed and he read a report of his work as presiding elder of the district.

The following effective elders were called, characters passed and they reported their work: A. Graybeal, A. E. Brown, J. N. S. Doub, J. F. Usry.

The following Probationers were passed in character and they reported their work: L. D. Osborn, D. W. Haga, D. J. Miller.

The following charges were reported by the presiding elder: Green Mountain, Jefferson, Laurel Branch and Wilkesboro.

Statesville District. J. L. Dennis was called, his character passed, and he read a report of his work as presiding elder of the district.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported: D. A. Lanier, C. F. Casstevens, L. A. Earnhardt, F. A. L. Clark, J. M. Heath.

N. M. Cooper passed in character, but was not present to report.

J. A. Sisk reported work of Troy charge.

H. D. Christenberry and E. J. Winkler not being present to report, action in their cases was not taken.

Action in the case of C. W. Smith was deferred.

W. S. Moore passed in character and reported his work.

The presiding elder reported the work of Gladstone Circuit.

Question 1. "Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?" was taken up. None.

Question 2. "Who have been readmitted?" was taken up. None.

Question 3. "Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches?" was taken up. By recommendation of the Statesville District Conference, and upon motion of J. L. Dennis, M. M. Ratchford, coming to us from the M. E. Church, South, was received and recognized as a local deacon.

Question 5. "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. J. L. A. Bumgarner and M. A. Matheson were continued on trial in studies of the first year.

D. C. Slagle was continued on trial in studies of the second year.

W. S. Moore was continued in studies of the third year. D. J. Miller was advanced to the studies of the fourth year. D. W. Haga and L. D. Osborne, having passed in studies of the first year, were advanced to the studies of the second year.

Upon motion of W. A. Patton, L. D. Osborne was elected to deacons orders under the missionary rule.

Question 6. "Who have been discontinued?" was asked. W. R. Blackwelder.

Question 7. "Who have been admitted into full membership?" was taken up. There were none.

Question 8. "What members are in the studies of the third year?" was asked. W. S. Moore, having been admitted to full membership previously.

Question 9. "What members are in the studies of the fourth year?" was taken up. D. J. Miller, having passed in third year's books, was advanced to fourth year.

Question 10. "What members have completed the Conference course of study?" was taken up. None.

Question 11. "What others have been elected and ordained elders?" was asked. None. L. D. O. (b).

Question 13. "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. This was attended to in open Conference.

Question 14. "Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?" was asked. It was announced that W. C. Haltom had been transferred to the Holston Conference, and J. H. Gillespie to Porto Rico Mission.

The answer was none under questions 15 and 16.

Question 17 was taken up. J. H. Patterson was located.

There was nothing under questions 18, 19 and 20.

Question 23. "Who are the superannuated preachers?" was taken up. L. J. Penley was referred to the committee on Conference Relations. William Rawlings was called. The secretary stated that he had received a letter from Brother Rawlings' presiding elder, J. B. Sweet, giving his condition about as last year. He was continued in his present relations. D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyme and M. W. Broyles were also continued in this relation.

Question 24. "Who are the triers of appeals?" was taken up. Committee of last year was continued.

A statistical session was ordered for 2 o'clock this afternoon. D. J. Miller was appointed to preside.

Introductions.—Rev. Mr. Caveness, of the M. E. Church, South, and Bro. J. M. Long, lay delegate to last General Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

The bishop gave a very timely and interesting lecture on the care of children and pastoral visiting.

Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock, with benediction by Dr. Caveness.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock, with D. J. Miller in the chair, who conducted the devotions. List of charges was called, and the pastors passed in their reports to the statistical secretary and treasurer. Conference adjourned until 8:30 tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30, Bishop Bashford in the chair. Devotions conducted by the bishop, after which he delivered a lecture on China.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read, and, after two or three slight corrections, were adopted.

Roll of absentees called, and the following answered to their names: F. A. L. Clark, N. M. Cooper. Upon motion, it was ordered that further roll call be dispensed with.

Introductions.—Rev. Mr. Horner, pastor of the Baptist Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Question 1 was resumed, and the bishop announced the transfer of J. A. Sisk from the Holston Conference.

Question 4. "Who have been received on trial?" was resumed. Upon recommendation of their respective District Conferences and upon motion of their presiding elders, A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnheardt and A. L. Latham were received on trial in the Conference.

Question 7. "Who have been admitted to full membership?" was asked. J. J. Matney, having passed in studies of the second year, was advanced to studies of third year, and upon motion of W. C. Matney admitted to full membership and elected to deacon's orders.

Under question 11 D. L. Earnheardt and A. B. Dennis were elected to deacon's orders, under the missionary rule.

Under question 12, C. M. Warden was elected to elder's orders.

Question 10. "Who have completed the Conference course of study?" was asked. C. M. Warden.

Question 22 was resumed. C. W. Smith was granted the supernumerary relation. L. J. Penley was placed on the effective list.

Under question 21 there was no business.

Upon motion of W. A. Patton, Mrs. Edwin Anderson was referred to Conference stewards for aid, as was also Mrs. Rominger upon motion of A. Graybeard.

Question 30. "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Morris Chapel, Walkertown, was chosen.

Bro. W. B. Beaman, on behalf of the Church at Troy, thanked the Conference and bishop for the interest taken in the erection of the church in which this session is being held.

Upon motion, a committee on Aggressive Evangelism was appointed, consisting of L. J. Penley, W. C. Matney and J. L. Dennis, N. M. Cooper.

D. W. Haga was appointed to take subscriptions to the Methodist Review.

Committee on resolutions was ordered, and W. C. Matney, W. A. Patton and J. B. Tucker were appointed.

Conference adjourned with benediction.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30, with Bishop Bashford in the chair. The bishop conducted the opening service and delivered an address on the requisites to success in the ministry.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. R. L. Williamson and his father, of the Christian Church, were introduced to the Conference.

N. M. Cooper was added to the committee on Aggressive Evangelism.

Question 25 was taken up. D. J. Miller read the statistical report.

Upon motion of W. A. Patton, the final report was deferred until the afternoon session.

Upon motion, it was ordered that $40 of the dividend of the Conference Relief Fund be appropriated to the claimant.

A. Graybeard read report of Conference stewards. Upon motion of J. L. Dennis, the report was re-committed.

C. F. Casstevens read report on benevolences. Report adopted.

N. M. Cooper read report on Aggressive Evangelism. Report adopted.

Prof. J. M. Boyd read the report on Education. See report. Prof. Boyd made a stirring speech in favor of the report, and in support of our Conference schools. Report was adopted.

W. C. Matney read report on Periodicals. Remarks were made by W. A. Patton and others, after which the report was adopted.

A. Graybeal offered the following, which was adopted: Resolved, That we, as a Conference, ask the Woman's Home Missionary Society to take charge of the Girls' Home at Monte-

zuma, and recommend that the property be deeded to that society, if they will take hold of the work.

Auditing committee reported. See report, which was adopted.

Committee were appointed as follows: One on Missions, consisting of C. F. Casstevens and F. A. L. Clark. One on Church Extension, consisting of J. B. Tucker and D. W. Haga.

Conference adjourned until 4 p m. with benediction by D. A. Lanier.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 4 o'clock, with Bishop Bashford in the chair. After prayer by W. A. Patton, the business of the Conference was resumed.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

W. A. Patton called the attention of the Conference to the sale of a church within the bounds of the Yadkinville charge. Conference confirmed the sale and ordered that the money be loaned by the treasurer on real estate security until needed on that charge.

J. B. Tucker read report of committee on Church Extension. Report adopted.

Prof. Boyd nominated W. A. Patton as financial agent for Aaron Seminary.

C. F. Casstevens read report on Missions. Report adopted.

The treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund read his report. See report which was adopted. Officers and other trustees were elected for this fund. See list under treasurer's report.

D. J. Miller read statistical report. Adopted.

Conference stewards distributed funds to claimants as follows:

Rev. D. M. Franklin to W. C. Matney.
Mrs. T. W. Matney to J. F. Matney.
Mrs. Owens to F. A. L. Clark.
Mrs. A. J. Johnson to W. A. Patton.
Mrs. Anderson to Secretary.
Rev. Wm. Rawlings to Secretary.
Mrs. D. M. Clayton to L. J. Penley.
J. J. Rhyne to D. J. Miller.
Mrs. J. H. Rominger to Secretary.

Upon motion of A. Graybeal the pastors are required to pay $1.25 each for the publication of the minutes and the pre-

siding elders instructed to take the amount out of the first quarter's appropriation.

Upon motion of W. C. Matney the presiding elders are required to pay $3 each.

W. C. Matney reported the meeting of the committee on boundaries.

Upon motion of J. L. Dennis, our commissioners were continued for the coming year for the purpose of meeting a similar commission from the Atlantic Mission Conference.

Conference adjourned with benediction by N. M. Cooper.

FOURTH DAY — EVENING SESSION.

Conference met according to appointment at 7 o'clock, to complete the work of this Conference session, Bishop Bashford in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The bishop ordained as deacons the following brethren: A. B. Dennis, L. D. Osborne, J. J. Matney and D. L. Earnhardt.

The bishop, assisted by the presiding elders, ordained as local elder, C. M. Warden.

Question 4. "Who have been received on trial?" was resumed. J. M. Boyd.

Committee on resolutions reported. Report adopted.

Telegram of greetings from N. C. boys in Grant University read.

The bishop read the appointments.

Upon motion, the Conference adjourned, sine die.

JAS. W. BASHFORD, President.
A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

I certify that the foregoing is the official journal of the 28th session of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

Reports

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Revs. J. L. Dennis, P. E., J. A. Sins, pastors of this charge and their efficient committee for the splendid way in which they have received and entertained this session of the Conference.

Resolved, That we record our gratitude to the good people of Troy for the royal reception they have given us in their town and homes and for the evident Christian hospitality which they have shown.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the presidency of Bishop J. W. Bashford over this session of the Conference. That his addresses and his sermons have been helpful and inspiring. That his conduct of the business of the Conference has been highly satisfactory, and that we willl gladly welcome him to preside at any future sessions.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of the Secretary, A. Graybeal, his assistants, C. F Casstevens; Treasurer, J. F. Matney, and his assistant, J. M. Boyd. And D. J. Miller, Statiscal Secretary, and his assistant, D. M. Matheson.

Resolved, That we record our high appreciation of the excellent music rendered by the choir of the church at the various services during the Conference.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for the very excellent kindness of Mr. Page, President of the Asheboro & Aberdeen R. R. for special rates to and from this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MATNEY,
W. A. PATTEN.

Education

Education and Christianity do and must continue to go hand in hand. With the rapidly increasing intricacies of modern life, does the value and absolute necessity of our education become more imperative.

It requires more mental training to live today than was necessary a few years ago to enter the professions. He who does not educate now can hope for nothing far removed from a life of slavery. Brain power becomes more costly every day while muscle power becomes less valuable.

While this is true in regard to success in the material world, it is also true and vastly more important in regard to the work of the church. Education drives back superstition and ignorance, two of the church's most formidable enemies. And it is also time that the church that educates the youth of our country will sooner or later have them upon their church rolls.

The need of education in our territory is both great and imperative. The free schools last only about four months and many of them are very inferior. Other churches are seeing this need and are coming to its relief. In the western part of the State the Presbyterians are making special efforts to gather the young people into their schools. We Methodists must either put forth more effort or surrender the field. But this, God being our helper, we will never do.

The community school is a splendid and practical idea and where there is no opposition. good results can be obtained. But they are open to the objection of the mixing up of the affairs of church and state and, we believe, therefore, cannot be depended upon as a permanent thing.

Our Conference Seminary, located at Montezuma, has been doing a noble work. The prospects for the present year are good. But if we hold our ground we must go forward. We need better equipment and a third teacher is almost imperative. A noble work was done last year in securing the Home for Girls, but it must be better equipped. The school building must have seats where the students can rest comfortably and black-boards so that they can properly illustrate their work. Believing in Aaron Seminary and the facts concerning education, as above stated, be it therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we heartily endorse and pledge our support to our Conference Seminary.

2, That we commend the Community Schools and urge their adoption wherever practicable.

3, That we raise an average of $15 to the Charge, making an aggregate of about $400.00, to help furnish black-boards, desks, better equip the Home and for the purpose of helping to secure a third teacher. The above amount to be collected during the first half of the year.

4, That the P. E. be instructed to devote Sunday evenings of their Quarterly Meetings in aiding the pastors to raise their amount.

5. That we request the Bishop to appoint a Financial Agent to secure an endowment for Aaron Seminary.

A. GRAYBEAL,
J. M. BOYD.

Church Extension

From the beginning of the work in 1866 to this time the Board of Church Extension has collected and disbursed more than $8,000 and has aided a goodly number of churches, of which the Blue Ridge Conference has had its part. The Church Extension Society has done a great deal in aiding us in the erection of houses in which to worship God and shelter our congregations. Therefore, Be it resolved, That we, the preachers of the Blue Ridge Conference do all that is in our power to double our collections for that cause next year. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. TUCKER,
DAVID W. HAGA.

Report of the Committee on Missions

We, the Committee on Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

We, the Ministers of the Blue Ridge Conference, are greatly indebted to the great missionary society for its general and liberal appropriations to us as a church, and people here in the Southland; and while the missionary society still with its untiring efforts and sympathetic aid continue to assist in supporting the cause of our church, and while its assistance is so highly appreciated among us as a conference, Be it resolved,

That we, as Ministers of the Blue Ridge Conference, endeavor to double our collections for Missions for the coming year if possible; and that each pastor is advised to preach a missionary sermon to each of his congregations this year. Humbly submitted,

C. F. CASSTEVENS,
F. A. L. CLARK,
Committee.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the receipts of the Presiding Elders and find them correct.

D. J. MILLER,
J. A. SISK.

Report of Committee on Aggressive Evangelism

Beg to report as follows: That we are resolved to do more aggressive work in the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference to teach and impress the needs of deep spiritual work among the people and impress doctrines of Holiness as taught by the Holy Scripture; till every church within our bounds shall become a perennial revival and bring home souls; shall feel strangely warmed by the Divine Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Also we most heartily endorse the General Conference Movement on Aggressive Evangelism, and the proposed plans offered to this conference from our beloved Bishop, W. F. Mallalliens, President, and J. P. Brushingham, Secretary, and shall at all times be glad to hear from the leadership of this great forward movement in the evangelizing and taking this great country for God and the church. Respectfully submitted,

REV. N. M. COOPER.

Report on Advocate Journal

The religious paper is a great and important factor in all forms of Christian activity. Although it is not a paper to supply the general news, it is eminently desired to stimulate and encourage humanity. It is the ally of every pastor and church officer and the friend of every worker; it is the universal testimony of pastors that their most efficient and earnest helpers are readers of church papers. There can be no hope for broad and liberal views, for generous contribution, for noble Christian fruit from church members who will not inform themselves of what their churches are all abroad in the earth, in their own lands, in foreign mission, in multiform benevolences. Therefore, we urge upon the pastors of the conference the importance of diligent and earnest effort to so extend the circulation of our church papers that no home shall long be deprived of the weekly visits of one of our advocates. In view of the fact that the Methodist Advocate Journal has heretofore received our endorsement as our conference organ and meets our wants in this respect as no other paper now published can do and is within the reach of all our people, Therefore, Resolved, That we will give the Methodist Advocate Journal our hearty support as conference organ and will labor earnestly to greatly extend its circulation in our conference.

W. C. MATNEY.

Reforms

Whereas, intemperance is the greatest blighting curse of the present generation, and is detrimental to all good order and peace, and a nuisance everywhere: We do fully endorse the Discipline on the subject of temperance and further add that both pastors and presiding elders be, and are hereby earnestly admonished to see to it that the law of the Discipline of the church be enforced against any and all intemperance.

2d. Sabbath Observance. Sabbath desecration at the present day is exceedingly fearful. In this our beloved Christian land, as well as in foreign countries, the law of the Sabbath is held in such reckless disregard that the Sabbath has become largely a day of pleasure seeking. This sad state of affairs applies not only to the world but to many church members as well. Both old and young, to say the least, are guilty of robbing God of the one-seventh of time of which He has santified for Himself.

2d. Amusements. The dance, the social card table, the playing at games, the theater and kindred things are not in harmony with the true

spirit of the gospel and ought not to be practiced or tolerated by any Christian community. In view of the existence of the foregoing evils collectively, be it resolved:

(1) That the Ministry of the Blue Ridge Conference enter a most solemn protest against any such unholy practice or customs.

(2) That there be wise and judicious legislation and a faithful execution of law both in church and state against all such prevailing evils.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MATNEY.

Report of Board of Conference Stewards

RECEIPTS

From Book Concern	$234
" Chartered Funds	22
" Collections	52
" Relief Fund	40
	$348

Disbursed as follows:

Mrs. Susan Matney	$ 70
D. N. Franklin	70
Mrs. Owens	25
Mrs. Johnson	45
Mrs. Clayton	70
J. J. Rhyme	10
Wm. Rawlings	25
Mrs. Anderson	20
Mrs. Rominger	13
	$348

A. GRAYBEAL,
C. F. CASSTEVENS,
Committee.

Treasurer's Report of Conference Relief Fund; Oct. 4, 1906

W. C. Matney—President.
C. F. Casstevens—Vice-President.
A. Graybeal—Secretary and Treasurer.
J. L. Dennis, W. A. Patton, D. M. Matheson and J. F. Matney, additional trustees.

1 note dated Oct. 14, 1905, for $110, real estate security.
1 note dated Sept. 3, 1903, for $115, land note
1 note given Nov. 14, 1904, for $486.
1 note dated Nov. 4, 1893, for $50, trustees' note.
1 note dated April 8, 1902, for $100, real estate security, less $20 paid.
1 note dated Nov. 15, 1893, for $24.
1 note dated Dec. 12, 1902, for $100, less $50 paid.
1 note dated Nov. 1, 1894, for $24
1 note dated Aug. 2, 1895, for $50.
1 note dated Sept. 3, 1906, for $100, real estate security.
On hand $158 51—$40 paid to claimants.

A. GRAYBEAL,
Treasurer.

Boundaries

Troy, N. C., Oct. 4, 1906.

The committee appointed at our last session to meet a similar commission from the Atlantic Mission Conference to consider the consolidation of the Conferences, met in the M. E. Church in Troy. W. C. Matney in the Chair, W. A. Patton, Secretary, J. L. Dennis and A. Graybeal, additional members. After a thorough discussion of the matter it was decided, on motion of J. L. Dennis, to ask that the Commission of Blue Ridge Conference be continued for another year.

The Committee on Conference Boundaries, appointed by our last Conference, met in session with the Holston Conference Committee in First M. E. Church, Johnson City, Tenn., Feb. 22, 1906. After careful consideration it was decided to make no changes.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools

LIST IN PART

L. D. Holbrook	Traphill,	N. C.
J. G. Gilliam	Benham,	"
O. S. Franklin	Montezuma,	"
A. K. Wenzie	Concord,	"
J. D. Murple	Concord,	"
J. S. Terrell	Huntersville,	"
Miss Buna Huskins	Spruce Pine,	"
Rev. S Greer	Hughes,	"
Calvin Hodge	Vale,	"
Sanders Hughes	Brummitt,	"
M C. Baily	Green Mountain,	"
Mary Garland	Harrell,	"
Mrs Mattie Smathers	Clyde,	"
Wesley Henson	Canton,	"
D. W Shook, R. F D	"	"
C C. Smathers, R F. D	"	"
Thos. King	Sandy Mush,	"
Geo. Gillespie	Leicester,	"
I E. Herron, R. F. D	Asheville,	"
Geo. Penland	Candler,	"
Miss Lois McFee, R F. D	"	"
Geo Warren, R. F. D	"	"
Walter O Kelley, R. F. D	"	"
A. H Cunningham, R. F. D	Murphy,	"
G W. Hampton, R. F. D	"	"
Mrs. Jas. Cunningham	Vesta,	"
Rev. Wm. Morrow	Nina,	"
Mrs. Luther Hampton	Unaka,	"
P. C. Gentry	Grand View,	"
Geo. Garrett	Delwood,	"
Amos Setzer	Maggie,	"
G. S. Bowman	Alonzo,	"
T. L Stanfield	Gueice,	"
G. T. Watts	Teresita,	"
Wm. Penland	Shooting Creek,	"
John Ledford	Hayesville,	"
James Sellers	Hunt,	Ga.

Hoy Green	Little Rock Creek,	N. C.
J. H Garland	Red Hill,	"
Wm. Slagle	Toecane,	"
Walter Stewart	Bakersville,	"
A. L. Lanier, R. F. D	Hickory,	"
Miss B. Bartholomew	Lenoir,	"
J. A. P. Miller, R. F. D. 2	Hidnite,	"
E. L. Sloan, R. F. D. 5	Statesville,	"
E. L. McHargue	New Hope,	"
W. F. Harmon, R. F. D. 5	Statesville,	"
Miss Lula Templeton	Jennings,	"
W. L. Thomason	Buckshoal,	"
Nathan Trivett, R. F. D. 2	Hamptonville,	"
Mc Welborn, R. F. D. 1	New Castle,	"
Jerry Johnson	Buckshoal,	"
P. L. Bumgarner, R. F. D. 6	Taylorsville,	"
Robert Stearns	Mt Bethell,	"
Sheff Sanders	Troy,	"
J. H. Rice, R. F. D	Asheville,	"
Mrs. Anna Lee Carpenter	Montezuma,	"

STATISTICS No. 1. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1906.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Trap Hill		215		2	2	17	3	15	184	3	$ 1400	1	$ 300	$ 600		
Green Mountain	2	90	2	2			1	5	50	2	1000	1	100			
Zion	12	433	2		4	53	8	50	700	8	4000	1	600	450		150
Bakersville	20	215	1		11	6	3	20	260	4	2000	1		630		
Wilkesboro	6	178	4	1		8	3	12	175	5	3000			75		
Jefferson	25	408	5		4	8	8	20	200	7	5000	1	500			
Boone	4	186	1	4		6	5	35	300	6	2000			600		
Laurel Branch	18	145	1	2			5	17	150	6	2400			600		
Yadkin	19	305	5	5			3	25	295	5	2400	1	400	50		
Montezuma	20	325	3	3		15	5	20	150	8	3000	1	300	1000		
Creston	17	304	7	4		22	4	28	376	5	2500			500		
Total	143	2804	31	23	21	135	48	247	2840	59	$28700	7	$ 2200	$ 4505	$	$ 150
Recapitulation:																
Clyde District	90	2059	10	17	25	37	33	179	1597	43	33450	10	6200	3850		75
Statesville District	104	2185	14	16	32	40	33	175	2036	42	24430	7	5100	4713	25	400
Grand Total this year	337	7048	55	56	78	212	114	601	6383	144	86580	24	13500	13068	25	625
Grand Total last year	323	7289	55	46	88	291	114	595	6913	139	82665	24	9105	2375		475
Increase	14			10				6		5	3915		3195	10693	25	150
Decrease		241			10	79			570			1				

STATISTICS No. 1. CLYDE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1906.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Membership.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Marion	30	230	1		12	10	3	30	175	4	$ 3200	1	$ 700	$ 200	$	$
Pisgah	3	187	2	2	1	3	4	20	120	4	4000	1	1000	300		
Irvin		169	1	2			2	10	75	5	3000	1	300			
Culberson	6	142		1		3	3	14	160	2	1600	1	350	1000		
Terasita	9	106	3	2		1	1	4	50	3	1200	1	300	125		
Clyde	8	375	1	2		5	5	28	275	5	5500	2	1200	125		
Asheville	5	200		1			1	7	75	3	2900	1	600	40		
Waynesville and Sylva	5	90		2			3	10	120	4	2500			600		75
Fort Hembree	15	140		2	2	14	2	6	80	3	2500	1	600	1200		
Unaka	5	120	1	1	2		3	12	90	4	2550	1	150	25		
Leicester	3	240		1				22	162	5	3700	1	1000	200		
Hiwassee Mission	3	60	1	1	8	1		16	125	1	800			2		
Total	92	2059	10	17	25	37	33	179	1507	43	$33450	10	$ 6200	$ 3850	$	$ 75

STATISTICS No. 1. STATESVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1906.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Greensboro		20	1			3	2	8	80	2	$ 1200		$	$ 40	$	$ 200
Chandler	6	230			14		4	20	170	5	2650	1	200	700		
Troy	12	246	1	4			2	12	150	2	4500		2000	2500		
King's Mountain	6	341	1	2	4		2	15	75	5	3000	1	250	700		25
Gladstone		156	2	2			2	10	140	4	1700	1	600	60		
Casar	15	380		2		14	5	37	500	6	3500	1	600	238	25	175
Daisy	29	270	1			17	5	23	231	5	2400	1	300			
Glass	17	136	5		7		3	15	140	4	3000	1	1000	75		
Caldwell	10	182	1	4	7	1	3	10	400	4	680	1	50	400		
Harmony	9	224	2	2		5	5	25	150	5	1800					
Total	104	2185	14	16	32	40	33	175	2036	42	$24430	7	$ 5100	$ 4713	$ 25	$ 400

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of All Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Dept.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars, Ch. Memb's or Pro.	No. Converted During the Year.	Current Expenses.
Bakersville . . .	3	20	260	175		15	150		20
Boone	5	35	300	200		35	150	35	20
Creston	4	28	376	150		20	95	20	20
Green Mountain .	1	5	50	30		4	30		
Jefferson	8	20	220	200		15	175		
Laurel Branch . .	5	17	150	110		12	100		
Montezuma . . .	5	20	150	100		20	100		
Trap Hill	3	15	184	100		10	100	18	54
Wilkesboro . . .	5	12	175	125		12	100	6	5
Yadkin	3	21	295	250		22	200	8	11
Zion	8	50	700	500		50	400	54	35
Total	50	247	2860	1940		225	1600	141	165

CLYDE DISTRICT.

Asheville	2	10	100	90		10	75		20
Culberson . . .	3	14	160	100		14	160	24	15
Clyde	5	28	275	200		28	128		22
Fort Hembree . .	2	6	80	65		6	70	46	40
Hiawassee Mission	2	16	125	90		6	125	4	18
Irwin	2	10	70	60		9	70		20
Leicester	4	22	162	145		18	100	3	25
Marion	3	30	175	100		13	100	15	15
Pisgah	4	20	120	80		15	70	3	20
Waynesville & Silva	3	10	120	80		5	80	5	20
Terasita	1	4	50	35		3	35		5
Unaka	3	12	90	70		12	65		15
Total	34	182	1527	1115		149	1078	210	235

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Caldwell	3	10	100	75		10	70	8	8
Casar	5	31	500	300		31	300	85	6
Chandler	4	20	170	100		20	100	5	10
Daisy	5	23	231	120		23	175	12	28
Gladstone . . .	2	10	141	120		10	120	3	10
Glass	3	15	140	120		15	100		25
Harmony	5	25	150	125		25	100	41	10
Greensboro . .	1	8	80	30					8
King's Mountain .	2	15	75	50		15	50	5	15
Troy	2	12	150	10		12	100		
Total	32	169	1736	1050		161	1115	159	130
Bakersville Total	50	247	2860	1980		225	1600	141	165
Clyde Total . . .	33	179	1502	1075		146	1043	210	235
Grand Total this yr.	115	595	6098	4105		532	3758	510	530
Grand Total last yr.	115	593	6881	5067	5	589	4897	442	531
Increase . . .		2						78	
Decrease . .			803	962	5	57	1139		1

STATISTICS No. 3, BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1906.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiences.	Support P. Elders Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Bishops Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Support Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	C'nference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm Collecti'ns	Ot'r S'rc's	Total.	Current Expenses Church, Sexton, light, fuel	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Montezuma	A. E. Brown	$ 300	$ 25	$ 325	$ 287	$ 25	$ 312	$ 13	$ 45	$ 38	$ 1	$ 1	$ 356	$	$	$	$	$
Zion	D. J. Miller	300	36	336	319	36	355		30	30	1		385				25	35
Green Mountain	A. Traylor	100		100	100		100		20	14			114					
Trap Hill	J. N. S. Doub	75	20	95	75	20	95		20	15	1	1	112	1		1		
Yadkin	J. F. Usrey	160	30	190	160	30	190		30	25	1	1	216	1		1		
Boone	L. D. Osborne	170		170	90		90	80	25	25			115					20
Laurel Branch	F. M. Welborn	100		100	35		35	65	16	16				51				
Jefferson	Rufus Graybeal	300	18	318	244	18	264	50	40	30			300					
Wilkesboro	D. J. White	100		100	100		100		25	25			125				10	5
Bakersville	A. Graybeal	150		150	112		112	38	40	41			153	1		1		
Creston	D. W. Haga	175		175	115		115	60	25	25			140	1		1		20
Total		$ 1930	$129	$ 2059	$ 1637	$129	$ 1768	$306	$ 316	$ 284	$ 4	$ 3	$2065	$ 4	$	$ 4	$ 35	$80

STATISTICS No. 3, CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1906.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiences.	Support P. Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Support P. Elders. Amount Paid.	Support Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Support Bishops. Amount Paid.	Support Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	C'nference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm Collecti'ns	C'nference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm Other Sources	C'nference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm Total.	Current Expenses Church, Sexton, light, fuel	Current Expenses S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Marion	W. A. Ballew	$ 200	$ 25	$ 225	$ 151	$ 25	$ 176	$ 49	$ 25	$ 25	$ 1	$ 1	$ 202	$ 3	$	$ 3	$ 15	$ 30
Fort Hembree	W. T. Clark	90	35	125	90	35	125		25	25	1	1	151	2		2	25	40
Unaka	W. M. Morrow	100	25	125	50	25	75	50	20	20	1		95				10	12
Leicester	J. F. Matney	300	50	350	280	50	330	20	32	38	1	1	369	4		4	50	25
Hiawassee Mission	M. A. Matheson	50		50	50		50		10	15	1	1	66	2		2	8	10
Waynesville and Sylva	W. J. Evans	170		170	35		35	135	25	14	1		49	1		1	7	
Irvin	J. B. Tucker	205	40	245	175	40	215	30	32	27	1	1	250	3		3	20	15
Pisgah	D. M. Matheson	215	75	290	215	75	290		28	28	2	1	319	5		5	20	20
Clyde	J. S. Grahl	335	75	410	215	75	290	120	45	35	1	1	326	2		2	20	22
Culberson	D. L. Earnhardt	160	36	196	160	36	196		30	30	1	1	227	3		3	9	12
Terasita	D. C. Slagle	100	30	130	80	30	110	20	24	30	1	1	141	3		3	5	5
Asheville	J. J. Matney	190	40	230	120	40	160	30	32	25	1	1	186	2		2	5	20
Clyde District		$ 2115	$431	$ 2546	$ 1621	$431	$ 2052	$454	$ 328	$ 312	$ 13	$ 10	$2382	$30	$	$30	$ 194	$ 211
Bakersville District		1930	129	2059	1637	129	1768	306	316	284	4	3	2065	4			35	80
Statesville		1834	96	2030	1795	196	1991	70	236	236	8	9	2220	17	1	18	53	130
Grand Total		$ 5879	$656	$ 6635	$ 5053	$756	$ 5811	830	$ 880	$ 832	$ 25	$ 22	$6667	$51	$ 1	$48	$ 282	$ 421

STATISTICS No. 3, STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1905.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiences.	Support P. Elders Amount Apportioned.	Support P. Elders Amount Paid.	Support Bishops Amount Apportioned.	Support Bishops Amount Paid.	Support Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	C'nference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm Collecti'ns	C'nference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm Ot'r S'rc's	C'nference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm Total.	Current Expenses Church, Sexton, light, fuel	Current Expenses S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Glass	C. F. Casstevens	$ 200	$ 40	$ 240	$ 220	$ 40	$ 260	$	$ 24	$ 24	$ 1	$ 1	$ 285	$ 3	$	$ 3	$	$ 25
Daisy	J. M. Heath	230	30	260	230	30	260		30	30	1	1	291	2		2		28
Caldwell	D. A. Lanier	90		90	90		90		20	20			110					8
King's Mountain	F. A. L. Clark	250	50	300	225	50	275	25	28	28	1	1	304	1	1	2	10	15
Greensboro	N. M. Cooper								7	7							10	8
Chandler	H. D. Christenburg	184		184	184		184		20	20	1	2	206	2		2	10	10
Gladstone	A. B. Dennis	200	36	236	200	36	236		25	25	1	1	262	1		1	20	20
Casar	W. S. Moore	240	40	280	251	40	291		32	32	2	2	325					6
Troy	J. A. Sisk	240		240	220		220	20	25	25			245					
Harmony	S. A. Earnhardt	200		200	175		175	25	25	25	1	1	201	8		8	3	10
Total		$ 1834	$ 96	$ 2030	$ 1795	$196	$ 1991	$ 70	$ 236	$ 236	$ 8	$ 9	$2230	$17	$ 1	$18	$ 53	$ 130

STATISTICS No. 4, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1906

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																		
	MISSIONS					S. S. Union				Education				W. H. M Society					
	a Church	b Sunday School	c Special Gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	a Church	b Sunday School	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & Sou'n Edu. Society	a Public Ed. Collection	b Children's Fund	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	a Cash	b Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses
BAKERSVILLE DIS																	
Bakersville	4			1						3					1	1	
Boone													4				
Creston	30			30	5	1		1					1	5			2
Green Mountain	3			3	1									2			
Jefferson	20			20													
Laurel Branch	12			12										12			
Montezuma			330	330	1					130	5			1			
Trap Hill	10			10	5	1								2			
Wilkesboro	5			5	12					1	1			1			
Yadkin	8			8	12												
Zion	76			76	12					12				4	12		
Total	158		330	488	23	2		1		190	9			17	13	1	2
CLYDE DISTRICT																	
Asheville	12	1		13	6	1				12	1			12			
Culberson	21			21	8	1				12	1			12		3	
Clyde	12			12	10	1				1	1			12			
Fort Hembree	17			17	5	1				12	3					5	
Hiawassee Mission	3			3	1	1		1			1	1		2			
Irvin	11			11						12	1	12		12			
Leicester	15	10		25	12					12	12			12		5	
Marion	35			35	6	1				12	12			12		4	
Pisgah	35			35	12	1				4	12	12		3			
Waynesville & Sylva	9			9	12					12	1					1	
Terasita	16			16	3					3	3			3		4	
Unaka	3			3	3					1				1			
Total	177	16		193	79	7		1		29	18	5		21		22	
STATESVILLE DIS																	
Caldwell	3			3	1								1				
Caser	30			30	5	1				1				2			
Chandler	25			25	6					1				1			
Daisy	35			35	6	1				12	12						
Gladstone	8			8	8					1				1			
Glass	12			12	8	1		5						1			
Greensboro	1	1		2													
Harmony	25			25	5	1		1		12				2			
King's Mountain	8	5		13	6	1				5			1	1			
Troy	20			20	11												
Statesville Total	170	5		175	52	5		5		7			2	8			
Bakersville Total	158		330	488	23	2		1		190	9		5	17	13	1	2
Clyde Total	177	16		193	79	7		1		29	18			21			
Grand Total	505	21	330	856	154	14		8		225	32	5	7	46	13	23	2

NAMES OF CHARGES	Missionary Society		Church Extension		Sunday School Union		Tract Society		Fre'dm'n's Aid & So'th. ern Educational Sty.		Education (a) Public Coll'tn		Education (b) Children's Fund		American Bible Society		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		Woman's Home Missionary Society		Orphans		General Conference Expenses		Conference Claimants		Episcopal Fund		Recapitulation		
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Total
CLYDE DIS	$	$	$	$	$		$		$	$	$	$	$		$		$		$				$	$	$		$	$	$
Asheville	12		6		1						1												2		1		24	3	27
Culberson	21			8	1						1												3		1		28	12	40
Clyde	12			10	1						1												2		1		18	12	30
Ft. Henry	17			5	1						3												2		1		23	10	33
Irvin	14		5	12							1	2											3		1		27	3	30
Leicester	25										2												4		1		32	18	50
Marion	22		6		1						2												3		1		35	5	40
Pisgah	30	5		10	1						2		2										5		1		42	21	63
Terasita	16			5			1				3												3				23	14	37
Unaka	5			3							1																6	4	10
Hiwassee Mission	3	5		4	1						1		1										2		1		10	12	22
Wayn'sville-Sylva	5		5								1														1		10	2	12
Total	$ 182	$ 10	$ 22	$ 57	$ 7		$ 1		$	$ 30	$	$ 15	$ 5	$	$		$		$ 23				$ 29	$	$ 9		$ 278	$ 116	$394
BAKERSVILLE DIS																													
Bakersville	4		2							25		3					1										11	25	36
Boone	4									3																	4	3	7
Creston	30			5	1		1			3							1		5		2		1				41	8	49
Trap Hill	10			5	1					3									2				1		1		17	8	25
Jefferson	20									2																	20	9	29
Montezuma	4	330								130		5							1						1		11	460	471
Wilkesboro	5		2							1									1				1				9	1	10
Yadkin	8			2						2													1		1		10	4	14
Laurel Branch	2									9									2								4		4
Green Mountain	3		1							3							2										6	2	8
Zion	76		5							12									4								85	12	97
Total	$ 165	$330	$ 10	$ 12	$ 2		$ 1			$190		$ 8					$ 4		$ 15			4	$ 4		$ 3		$ 218	$ 532	$749
STATESVILLE DIS																													
Chandler	25		8							1									1				2		1		37	1	38
Daisy	35		6		1					3		2										2	1		1		47	3	50
Gladstone	8		2							1									1				4		1		13	1	14
Glass	20		8		1					5									1						1		35	5	40
Greensboro	2																										2		2
Harmony	20		5		1		1			2									2				8		1		38	2	40
Casar	28		5		1					1							1		2			2	2		2		41	3	44
Kings Mountain	12		7		1					5							1		1				2		1		25	5	30
Troy	20		11																								31		31
Caldwell	3		1																								4		4
Statesville— Total	$ 163		$ 33	$	$ 5		$ 1			18	$	$ 2	$		$		$ 2		$ 8			2	$ 19	$	$ 8		$ 273	$ 20	$293
Clyde—Total	182	$ 10	22	57	7		1			30		15	5				2		23				29		9	1	278	116	394
Bakersville—Total	166	330	10	12	2		1			190		8					4		15			4	4		3		218	532	749
Grand Total	$ 511	$340	$ 85	$ 69	$ 14		$ 3		$	$238	$	$ 25	$ 5	$	$		$ 6		$ 46			2	$ 52	$	$ 20	$ 1	$ 769	$ 668	1437
" " for '05	506	16	78	38	13		10		31		10	14	9	10	5		10		34				52	4	20		778	82	860
Gain	5	324	7	31	1					238		11							12			2		6		1		586	577
Loss							7		31		10		4	10	5		4										10		

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SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARIES
1879, Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer

CHANGED TO BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE

1880, Jan. 28, Feb. 1	Concord	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton
1881, " 20-24	Leicester	" Warren,	"
1882, " 19-23	Asheville	" Foster.	"
1883, " 24-29	Gastonia	" Merrill,	"
1884, " 30, Feb. 4	Asheville	" Bowman,	J. D. Robertson
1885, Feb. 12-16	Clyde	" Andrews,	J. D. Robertson
1885, Oct. 1-5	Gastonia.	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford
1886, Oct. 7-11	Smith's Chapel	" Walden,	W. T. Ford
1887, Oct. 19-23	Asheville	" Mallalieu,	W. Q. A. Graham
1888, Oct. 18-22	Clyde	" Fitzgerald,	"
1889, Oct. 17-21	Asheville	" Joyce,	J. D. Robertson
1890, Oct. 16-20	Clyde	" Joyce,	J. D. Robertson
1891, Oct. 21-25	Asheville	" Warren,	A. Graybeal
1892, Oct. 13-16	Poindextex	" Foss.	A. H. Gamble
1893, Oct. 12-16	Daisy	" Hurt,	W. Q. A. Graham
1894, Sep. 27, Oct. 1,	Smith's Ch'p'l,	" Foster,	W. Q. A. Graham
1895, Oct. 9-24	Clyde	" Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal
1896, Sep. 24-27	Asheville	" Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal
1897, Oct. 11-17	Walkertown	" Andrews,	A. Graybeal
1898, Oct. 20-24	Marion	" Goodsell,	"
1899, Oct. 19-22	Seward	" Fowler,	"
1900, Oct. 4-7	Clyde	" Canston,	"
1901, Oct. 24-27	Montezuma	" Goodsell,	"
1902, Oct. 23-26	Seward	" Walden,	"
1903, Oct. 7-10	Glass	" Joyce,	"
1904, Oct. 6-11	Clyde	" Fitzgerald	"
1905, Oct. 5-8	Montezuma	" Fowler,	"
1906, Oct. 4-8	Troy	" Bashford,	"
1907, Oct. 23-27,	Walkertown	" Spellmeyer,	A. Graybeal

OUR DEAD

NAME.	DIED.	ADMITTED	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Parker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1881	From N. C. Conference.
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference.
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference.
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1895	1880	From Holston.
A. H. Peeples	1897	1905	On trial.
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial.
W. G. Matton	1901	-----	From N. C. Conference.
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial.
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial.
C. F. Casstevens	1907	1890	On trial.
H. D. Christenberry	1907	1884	On trial.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

MRS. MAKAY.

CONFERENCE ROLL, 1907

NAME.	ORDER.	POSTOFFICE.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Clark, F. A. L.	Elder	Troy	1884
Cooper, N. M.	"	Greensboro	1884
Dennis, J. L.	"	Walkertown	1891
Doub, J. N. S.	"	Laurel Branch	1895
Earnhardt, S. A.	"	Harmony	——
Graybeal, A.	"	Montezuma	1882
Lanier, D. A.	"	Catawba	1890
Matney, J. F.	"	Walkertown	1888
Matney, W. C.	"	Clyde	1889
Matney, J. J.	Deacon	Glass	1904
Matherson, D. M.	Elder	Lansing	1888
Moore, W. S.	"	Casar	1897
Patton, W. A.	"	Lansing	1898
Tucker, J. B.	"	Gladstone	1895
Heath, J. M.	"	Statesville, R. F. D.	1889
Evans, W. J.	"	Canton	1888
Richardson, J. C.	"	Poindexter	——
Miller, D. J.	"	Clyde	1903
Usrey, J. F.	"	Traphill	1905
Penley, L. J.	"	King's Mountain	1888
Haga, D. W.	Deacon	Creston	1905
Slagle, D. C.	"	Candler, R. F. D.	1904
Matherson, M. A.	"	Ettawa	1903
Osborne, L. D.	"	Bakersville	1905
Sisk, J. A.	"	Troy	1906

PROBATIONERS

Johnson, A. L.	Deacon	Chattanooga	1895
Bumgarner, J. L.	Licentiate	————	1901
Clark, W. T.	"	Culberson	1905
Dennis, A. B.	"	Leicester	1906
Earnhardt, D. L.	"	Unaka	1906
Latham, A. L.	"	Asheville, R. F. D.	1906

Boyd, J. M.	"	Fall Branch, Tenn.	1906
White, D. J.	"	Wilkesboro	1907
Weaver, W. G.	"	Fort Hembree	1907
Fine, J. H.	"	Chandler	1907

SUPERNUMERARY

Corbett, L. W.	Elder	Plateau	---
Brown, A. E.	"	Mt. City, Tenn.	1905

SUPERANUATED PREACHERS

Franklin, D. N.	Elder	Sylva	1888
Rhyne, J. J.	"	Eupeptic Springs	1887
Broyles, M. W.	"	Alto	1879

OFFICERS, 1907

President	Bishop Henry Spellmeyer
Secretary	A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
Assistant Secretary	M. A Matheson
Statistician	D. J. Miller
Assistant Statistician	W. S. Moore
Treasurer	J. F. Matney
Assistant Treasurer	A. B. Dennis

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

BAKERSVILLE DIST., W. A. PATTON, P. E., LANSING, N. C.

Bakersville	L. D. Osborne
Boone	Supplied
Creston	D. W. Haga
Jefferson	D. M. Matheson
Laurel Branch	J. N. S. Doub
Montezuma	A. Graybeal
Pond Mountain	T. A. Farmer, sup.
Trap Hill	J. F. Usrey
Wilkesboro	D J. White
Yadkin	J. C. Richardson
Zion	J. M. Heath and W. L. White

CLYDE DISTRICT. W. C. MATNEY, P. E., CLYDE, N. C.

Asheville	Supply
Asheville Circuit	A. L. Latham
Clyde and Canton	D. J. Miller
Culberson	W. T. Clark
Fort Hembree	W. G. Weaver
Greenville	Supply
Hiawassa Mission	Supply
Irvin	M. A. Matheson
Leicester	A. B. Dennis
Marion	J. L. Stephenson
Pisgah	D. C. Slagle
Sylva	Supply
Spartanburg	Supply
Terasita	Supply
Unaka	D. L. Earnhardt
Waynesville	W. J. Evans

STATESVILLE DIST., J. F. MATNEY, P. E., TROY, N. C.

Caldwell	Supply
Casar	W. S. Moore
Chandler	J. H. Fine
Catawba Mission	D. A. Lanier
Daisy	J. L. Dennis
Gladstone	J. B. Tucker
Glass	J. J. Matney
Greensboro	N. M. Cooper
Harmony	S. A. Earnhardt
King's Mountain	L. J. Penley
Troy	F. A. L. Clark
Randleman	A. L. Johnson
Pine Bluff	J. A. Sisk

DISCIPLINARY QUESTION.

THE BLUE RIDGE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HELD IN WALKERTOWN, N. C., OCTOBER 23-27, 1907.

BISHOP SPELLMEYER, Presiding.
A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference? None.

2. Who have been readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? None.

4. Who have been received on trial? (a) In studeis of first year: D. J. White, William G. Weaver, J. H. Fine. (b) In studies of third year: None.

5. Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of first year: J. M. Boyd, J. L. A. Bumgarner. (b) In studies of second year: A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, A. L. Latham, W. T. Clark. (c) In studies of third year: None. (d) In studies of fourth year: None.

6. Who have been discontinued? None.

7. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year: D. W. Haga, D. C. Slagle, M. A. Matheson. (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously: L. D. Osborne.

8. What members are in studies of third year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year: D. W. Haga, D. C. Slagle, M. A. Matheson, L. D. Osborne. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: None.

9. What members are in studies of fourth year? J. J. Matney, W. S. Moore.

10. What members have completed the conference course of study? (a) Elected and ordained elders this year: D. J. Miller. (b) Elected and ordained elders previously: None.

11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a) As local preachers: None. (b) Under missionary rule: D. J. White, W. T. Clark. (c) Under seminary rule: None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained elders? (a) As local deacons: None. (b) Under missionary rule: None. (c) Under seminary rule: None.

13. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was attended to in open conference. The case of W. A. Ballew was referred to his P. E. for investigation.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what conference? Wm. Rowlings to Wyoming. E. J. Winkler to Columbia River.

15. Who have died? H. D. Christenberry, C. F. Casstevens.

16. Who have been located at their request? C. M. Warden.

17. Who have been located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaint? C. W. Smith.

20. Who have been expelled? None.

21. What other personal notation should be made? J. L. Stephenson's name having been lost from the roll on account of being away at school, was placed on the roll.

22. Who are the supernumerary preachers? L. W. Corbett, A. E. Brown.

23. Who are the superannuated preachers? D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, M. W. Broyles.

24. Who are the triers of appeal? D. M. Matheson, J. F. Matney, A. Graybeal, W. J. Evans, F. A. L. Clark.

25. What is the statistical report of this year? See tables.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the general conference, as reported by the conference treasurer? $968.

27. What are the claims on the conference fund? $395.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? $395.

29. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.

30. Where shall the next conference be held? Kings Mountain, N. C.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

OPENING.—The Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in our church in Walkertown, N. C., October 23rd, 1907, at 8:30 o'clock with Bishop Spellmeyer in the chair.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.—Hymn 329 was sung, and the Bishop read the eleventh chapter of 1st Corinthians, after which he, assisted by the pastor and presiding elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ROLL CALL.—The secretary of last session called the roll and the following were found to be present: J. L. Dennis, J. N. S. Doub, A. Graybeal, D A. Lanier, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, D. M. Matheson, W. S. Moore, W. A. Patton, J. M. Heath, J. C. Richardson, D. J. Miller, J. F. Usrey, M. A. Matheson, D. C. Slagle. L. D. Osborne, D. W. Haga, W. T. Clark, A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, A. L. Latham, J. J. Rhyne, and J. L. Stephenson.

SECRETARIES.—Upon motion of W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal was elected secretary, M. A. Mathereson, was chosen as assistant secretary.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.—D. J. Miller was elected statistical secretary and selected W. S. Moore as his assistant.

TREASURER.—J. F. Matney was elected conference treasurer, and he named A. B. Dennis as his assistant.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—W. C. Matney read nominations for the various committees, and they were elected as follows:

1. Public Worship.—J. M. Heath and A. Graybeal.
2. Triers of appeal.—D. M. Matheson, J. F. Matney, A. Graybeal, W. J. Evans and F. A. L. Clark.
3. Conference Relations.—A. Graybeal, D. A. Lanier,

and D. M. Matheson.

4. Conference Stewards.—A. Graybeal, J. N. S. Doub, D. M. Matheson, F. A. L. Clark, and J. L. Stephenson.

5. Auditing.—D. J. Miller, J. A. Sisk, and D. W. Haga.

6. Benevolences.—L. J. Penley and D. J. Miller.

7 Education.—A. Graybeal, and M. A. Matheson.

8. Reforms.—J. F. Matney, and D. C. Slagle.

9. State of the Church.—W. A. Patton, W. C. Matney and J. L. Dennis.

10. Memoirs.—F. A. L. Clark, W. S. Moore, J. A. Sisk and L. J. Penley.

TIME FOR MEETING AND ADJOURNING.—Upon motion of W. C. Matney 8.30 a. m., was fixed as the time for meeting and 12 m., for adjourning, first half hour to be devoted to prayer service.

CONFERENCE BAR.—The bar of the conference was fixed so as to include the seats by the second window.

DRAFTS.—The Bishop announced that the Conference is entitled to a draft from the book concern for $277 and a draft from the chartered fund for $22. Drafts ordered in favor of J. F. Matney.

Question 13, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.—W. A. Patton was called, his character passed and he read report of the work of his district.

The following effective elders were called, their character passed and they made report of their benevolent collections: A. Graybeal, J. N. S. Doub, J. F. Usrey, J. C. Richardson and J. F. Matney. The character of A. E. Brown was passed but he was not present to report. F. A. L. Clark passed in character.

CLYDE DISTRICT.—W. C. Matney was called, his character passed and he read a report of the work of the

district.

E. J. Winkler was called and it was announced that he had been transferred to the Colombia River Conference. M. A. Matheson was called, his character passed and he reported his collections. W. A. Ballew was called, his character passed. D. M. Matheson was called and after the passage of his character, he made his report. The character of W. J. Evans passed and he not being present the presiding elder reported the collections for his charge.

Statesville District.—J. L. Dennis was called, his character passed and he reported the work of the district. The following offective elders were called, their character passed and they reorted their collections: D. A. Lanier, J. M. Heath. H. D. Chistenberry and C. F. Casstevens were called when it was announced that they had died during the year. N. M. Cooper passed in character but was not present to make his report. S. A. Earnhardt also passed in character and reported. The following were called, character passed and they, not being present, reports were made by their presiding elder: L. J. Penley, J. A. Sisk and J. B. Tucker.

Upon motion of W. C. Matney the consideration of the proposed constitutional changes was made the order of the day for 9.30 Friday and the election of a delegate to the General Conference for 10.00 o'clock Friday. The Bishop announced the proposed changes. Upon motion of W. C. Matney, the Conference by a rising vote expressed its appreciation of the presence and presidency of Bishop Spellmeyer. Certain memorials to the General Conference from Troy Conference and similar papers were referred to a special committee consisting of the presiding elders.

Statistics.—Opportunity was given the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer to receive reports from the pastors, when quite a number passed in their reports.

A number of papers and communications were referred to the Standing Committees.

D. W. Haga was appointed to take subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

22nd Question. "Who are the superannuated preachers?" was taken up. It was announced that Wm. Rawlings had been transferred to the Wyoming Conference, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne and M. W. Broyles were continued in this relation. J. J. Rhyne addressed the Conference.

15th Question. "Who have died?" was asked, when it was reported that C. F. Casstevens and H. D. Christenberry had passed over to the Conference above.

Introduction.—J. R. Stannah, representing the Western Book Concern, was introduced to the Conference.

A proposition to secure property in Asheville was presented and discussed by W. C. Matney. Remarks were also made by J. L. Stephenson, J. L. Dennis, D. J. Miller, W. A. Patton and D. M. Matheson.

J. L. Stephenson reported work in South Carolina.

14th Question. "Who have been transferred, and to what Conference?" was taken up. It was announced that Wm. Rawlings had been transferred to the Wyoming Conference, and E. J. Winkler to the Colombia River Conference.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Spellmeyer in the chair. J. F. Usrey conducted the devotions.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Roll of absentees was called, and upon motion of the Secretary, further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Question 7. "Who have been admitted to full membership?" was taken up. D. W. Haga, D. C. Slagle and M. A. Matheson, were called and they having passed in

the studies of the 2nd year, and upon the recommendations of their presiding elders, and Committee on Conference Relation, were admitted to full membership and elected to Deacon's Orders and advanced to the studies of the 3rd year. The same action was taken in the case of L. D. Osborne, except that he was not elected deacon, having been ordained previously.

Question 5. "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. J. M. Boyd and J. L. A. Bumgarner were continued on trial in studies of the 1st year. A. B. Dennis, A. L. Latham, D. L Earnhardt and W. T. Clark, were continued on trial and advanced to studies of the 2nd year.

Introduction.—Rev. J. E. Woosley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Walkertown, was introduced to the Conference.

Question 22. "Who are the supernumerary preachers?" was taken up. L. W. Corbett was continued in this relation.

Question 19. "Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?" C. W. Smith.

Question 30. "Where shall the next Conference be held?" Invitations were extended from Grace Church, King's Mountain and Bethel on the Asheville charge. King's Mountain was chosen.

A recess was given so that examiners might complete their work.

At 11 o'clock the work of the Conference was resumed.

Question 10. "What members have completed the Conference course of study?" was taken up. D. J. Miller was called, his character passed, and having completed the Conference course of study, was elected to elders orders.

Question 4. "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. David J. White, William G. Weaver, James H. Fine were received on trial in studies of the 1st year.

L. J. Penley reported the collections for the Glass charge.

Question 11. "What others have been elected and ordained deacons?" was asked. There were none.

Question 1. "Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?" was asked. There were none.

Question 24. "Who are the triers of appeals?" was taken up. The following were appointed: D. M. Matheson, A. Graybeal, J. F. Matney, W. J. Evans, and F. A. L. Clark.

J. B. Tucker was appointed to conduct the devotional service tomorrow morning.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m:. with Bishop Spellmeyer in the chair. J. B. Tucker conducted the devotions.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Question 9. "What members are in studies of the 4th year?" was taken up. J. J. Matney and W. S. Moore were advanced to studies of the fourth year.

Question 11. "What others have been elected and ordained deacons?" was asked. Upon motion of W. C. Matney, W. T. Clark was elected to deacon's orders under the missionary rule; also D. J. White, upon motion of W. A. Patton was elected to deacon's orders under the missionary rule.

Upon motion of A. Graybeal a committee consisting of J. L. Stephenson and J. J. Matney was appointed to convey our greetings to the Lay Electoral Conference and invite them to visit us as a body, at 11 o'clock today and that the Bishop be requested to address the conferences.

J. L. Dennis announced that parties at Pine Bluff offer to donate to our church a building that is suited for a

rest home for preachers. Upon motion the Conference voted to accept the offer.

A. Graybeal read the report of the committee on education. After remarks by W. C. Matney, the report was adopted.

The vote on the proposed constitutional changes being the order of the day for 9:30, they were discussed by W. C. Matney and others. The vote was taken as follows:

Proposition 1, 7 for and 17 against.

Proposition, 2, none for and 24 against.

Proposition 3, 3 for and 23 against.

Proposition 4, 4 for and 26 against.

Election of delegates to the General Conference was next in order. D. J. Miller and N. M. Cooper were appointed tellers. On the sixth ballot W. A. Patton was elected. J. L. Dennis was elected reserve delegate.

Question 13 was resumed. The case of W. A. Ballew was left in the hands of the presiding elder of Clyde District for investigation.

Report of Book Concern was read by M. A. Matheson.

Advocate Journal.—Dr. J. J. Manker, editor, was introduced and represented the interests of the paper. W. C. Matney and W. A. Patton made remarks. Pledges were taken from the pastors for subscriptions to the paper.

A committee consisting of the presiding elders was appointed to prepare resolutions concerning the paper.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Manker.

FOURTH DAY

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Spellmeyer in the chair. D. C. Richardson conducted the devotions.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Lay Electoral Conference was introduced by J.

L. Stephenson. C. W. Smith, lay delegate elect to the General Conference was introduced and addressed the Conference. The Bishop addressed the joint conference in a very forceful way.

Question 25. "What is the statistical report?" as asked. See statistical tables.

Conference stewards reported. See report which was adopted. Upon motion the committee was authorized to send the money to the claimants who are not here, by the pastors.

Upon motion it was ordered that $25 from the Relief Fund be granted Bro. Earnhardt as soon as collected from notes in hand.

Upon motion of W. C. Matney it was ordered that the Moore note and Bethel note be donated to the church in Asheville if the property can be secured.

Committee on Reforms reported. Adopted. See report.

W. C. Matney read resolution sent out by the New York Conference concerning an elective presiding eldership. After a lengthy discussion the vote was taken. Twelve for and twelve against.

Question 22 resumed. A. E. Brown was placed on the superannuary list.

Paper from Troy Conference concerning the time limit was read and the vote taken. Seventeen against.

Report on the State of the Churches was read by D. M. Matheson. Report adopted.

W. A. Patton read resolution concerning the Mormon–Smoot case Adopted. See resolution.

Committee read report concerning Methodist Advocate Journal. Adopted.

Plan for publishing Conference Journals the same as last year. Each pastor to pay $1.25, and each presiding elder $3.00. Amount to be taken out of first quarter's missionary appropriation.

It was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 p. m., tomorrow for the memorial service, ordination service and reading appointments, after which the Conference will adjourn.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY

Conference met according to appointment at 2:30 p. m., for its final session, Bishop Spellmeyer in the chair.

A service was held in memory of Rev. C. F. Casstevens and Rev. H. D. Christenberry, and also for sister Clark, wife of Rev. W. T. Clark, and sister Earnhardt, wife of S. A. Earnhardt. This service was conducted by F. A. L. Clark, L. J. Penley and Dr. Sisk.

The following were ordained deacons: D. W. Haga, D. J. White, D. C. Slagle, M. A. Matheson, W. T. Clark.

D. J. Miller was ordained elder.

I certify that the foregoing is the official journal of the 29th session of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE

The Lay Electoral Conference met at Walkertown in Love's Church October 25, 1907, at 8:30 a. m. Song led by Rev. M. A. Matheson and the opening prayer by J. C. Richardson. C. W. Smith was elected temporary chairman and C. A. Strand, temporary secretary, after which J. M. Wall was elected permanent chairman and C. A. Strand his secretary.

J. J. Manker, D. D., was introduced to the Conference and made an inspiring speech on the necessity of having church papers and other good literature in our homes.

The election of delegates then began. C. W. Smith received a majority of votes cast and by motion his election was made unanimous. I. E Saunders was unanimously elected alternate. Very interesting speeches were made by Bro. Long and others.

The proposed changes in the laws or rules was then taken up and voted on as follows:

Proposition	1.	Ayes	11,	noes	9.
"	2.	"	0	"	20.
"	3	"	0	"	20.
"	4.	"	0	"	20.

This finished the business for the day.

We as lay delegates of the Blue Ridge Conference wish to return our thanks to Bro. Woosley and to the M. E Church South, for the use of Love's church for our meeting. The delegation then adjourned to meet at Morris' Chapel Saturday Oct. 26th, at 8 a. m.

The Lay Electoral Conference met according to adjournment October 26th, 1907 at 8 a. m., chairman J. M. Wall in the chair.

By motion a collection was taken to have our minutes printed with the church minutes. A resolution of the lay delegation of Blue Ridge Conference:

Resolved, That we the members of the Lay delegation of the Blue Ridge Conference pledge our selves to use our best efforts to raise the amount asked for for the Advocate Journal, Knoxville, Tenn.

J. M. WALL, Chairman.

C. A. STRAND, Secretary.

Reports

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Report of the Layman's Association of the Blue Ridge Conference.

Whereas, We elected J. M. Long, Tobaccoville, N.C., R. F. D. No. 1, President; G. R. Warren, Clyde District, Candler, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1, Vice-President; C. M. Ellis, Statesville District, Gastonia, N. C., Vice-President; W L. Brewer, Bakersville District, Brewer, N. C.; J. M. Wall, Siloam, N. C., Treasurer; J. T. Norris, Secretary.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to organize the Laymen of our district as early as we can in the year, and get ready for aggresive work to bring up all the claims of the different charges, and ask the co-operation of all the pastors of the conference, whoever they may be.

J. T. NORRIS. Secretary

CASSTEVENS.—Rev. C. F. Casstevens pastor of the Glass Circuit, Statesville District Blue Ridge Conference, after an illness of seven weeks with typhoid fever, departed this life in the triumphs of a living faith in Christ Jesus, on the 27th day of September, 1907.

He joined the church at the age of 21. He was admitted into the traveling connection of the Blue Ridge Conference in 1890. He faithfully served charges both in the mountains and on the sea cost.

He was a man of deep piety, and a preacher of great power and influence. He was instrumental in God's hands in bringing many to salvation in Christ Jesus the Lord.

CHRISTENBERRY.—Rev. H. D. Christenberry pastor of Chandler Circuit, Statesville District Blue Ridge Conference, after an illness of several weeks, departed this life on the 10th day of Nov. 1906. Bro. Christenberry joined the Methodist Episcopal church early in life. He lived not for self, but for others.

He was admitted into the Blue Ridge Conference in the year 1884 and was ordained by Bishop Mallalieu at

Gastonia. He faithfully served the charges to which he was assigned. He was a preacher of great earnestness and moved his hearers by the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. He built a number of churches, and led hundreds of souls to Jesus.

J. A. SISK,
F. A. L. CLARK,
W. S. MOORE,
L. J. PENLEY.

EDUCATION.

Education and Christianity do and must continue to go hand in hand. With the rapidly increasing intricacies of modern life, does the value and absolute necessity of our education become more imperative.

It requires more mental training to live today than was necessary a few years ago to enter the professions. He who does not educate now can hope for nothing far removed from a life of slavery. Brain power becomes more costly every day, while muscle power becomes less valuable. While this is true in regard to success in the material world, it is also true and vastly more important in regard to the work of the church. Education drives back superstition and ignorance, two of the church's most formidable enemies. And it is also true that the church that educates the youth of our country will sooner or later have them upon their church rolls.

The need of education in our territory is both great and imperative. The free schools last only about 4 months and many of them are very inferior. Other churches are seeing this need and are coming to its relief. In the western part of the State the Presbyterians are making special efforts to gather the young people into their schools. We Methodist must either put forth more effort or surrender the field. But this, God being our helper, we will never do.

The community school is a splendid and practical idea and where there is no opposition, good results can be obtained. But they are open to the objection of the mixing up of the affairs of the church and state, and we believe, therefore cannot be depended upon as a permanent thing.

Our community schools in different parts of the Conference are doing excellent work and we commend them to the support and sympathy of all our people. The proposed

school for Clyde District, to be located at Ettawa, promises to be a good center for onr educational work in that section of the Conference.

Our Conference Seminary located at Montezuma has been and is doing noble work. The prospects for a good year are flattering. Believing in this school as we do, and the fact concerning education as above stated, be it therefore resolved:

1st, That we heartily endorse and pledge our support to our Conference Seminary.

2nd, That the presiding elders be requested to devote one sermon on each charge to the subject of education in behalf of schools and in inspiring our young people to attend them.

Respectfully submitted,
A. GRAYBEAL,
M. A. MATHESON.

REFORMS

Whereas, intemperance is the greatest blighting curse of the present generation, and is detrimental to all good order and peace, and a nuisance everywhere: We do fully endorse the Discipline on the subject of temperance and further add that both pastors and presiding elders be, and are hereby earnestly admonished to see to it that the law of the Discipline of the church be enforced against any and all intemperance.

2d. Sabbath Observance. Sabbath desecration at the present day is exceedingly fearful. In this our beloved Christian land, as well as in foreign countries, the law of the Sabbath is held in such reckless disregard that the Sabbath has become largely a day of pleasure seeking. This sad state of affairs applies not only to the world but to many church members as well. Both old and young, to say the least, are guilty of robbing God of the one-seventh of time of which He has sanctified for Himself.

3rd. Amusements. The dance, the social card table, the playing at games, the theater and kindred things are not in harmony with the true spirit of the Gospel and ought not to be practiced or tolerated by any Christian community. In view of the existence of the foregoing evils collectively, be it resolved:

(1) That the Ministry of the Blue Ridge Conference

enter a most solemn protest against any such unholy practice or custom.

(2) That there be wise and judicious legislation and a faithful execution of law both in church and state against all such prevailing evils.

J. F. MATNEY.

TREASURERS REPORT OF CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND

W. C. Matney, President.

A. Graybeal, Secretary and Treasurer.

J. L. Dennis, W. A. Patton, D. M. Matheson and J F. Matney, additional trustees.

1 note dated Sept. 3, 1903, for $115, real estate security.

1 note dated Oct. 14, 1905, for $110, real estate security.

1 note given Nov. 14, 1904, for $486.

1 note dated Nov. 4, 1893, for $50, trustees note.

1 note dated April 8, 1902, for $100, real estate security, less $20 paid.

1 note dated Nov. 15, 1893, for $24.

1 note dated Dec 12, 1902, for $100, less 58.85 paid.

1 note dated Nov. 1, 1894, for $24.

1 note dated Aug. 1, 1895, for $50.

1 note given during the year for $50.

1 note dated Sept. 6, 1907, for $114.63, real estate security.

1 note given Sept. 1, 1907, for $50, real estate security.

On hand, $25.24. Voted to claimants $25.

A. GRAYBEAL, Treasurer

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWADS.

Receipts:

From Book Concern	$278
" Chartered Funds	22
" Relief Fund	25
" Collections	71
	$395

Disbursed as follows:

Mrs. Susan Matney	$ 75
D. N. Franklin	80
Mrs. A. J. Johnson	40

Mrs. D. M. Clayton	25
J. J. Rhyne	20
Mrs. Edwin Anderson	20
Mrs. J. H. Rominger	10
Mrs. C. F. Casstevens	75
Mrs. H. D. Christenberry	50
	$395

We the Conference Board of Stewards recommend that this Conference raise during the coming year at least $150 for our claimants, that this amouut be appropriated equally among the districts and that each presiding elder apportion the amount expected from his district, among the pastoral charges.

A. GRAYBEAL,
D. M. MATHESON,
J. L. STEPHENSON.
J. N. S. DOUB,
F. A. L. CLARK.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES

We your committee on the state of the churches beg leave to submit the following report: (1) We rejoice in the progress that the church of God has and is making in the world for good; (2) That notwithstanding its small beginning, it has spread out in all directions, and has increased in number, power and influence, until it has become the mightiest power on earth for the moral, spiritual, and intellectual uplifting of the world. But notwithstanding its power and influence in the world for good, we deplore the fact that in many sections of this great country of ours, and especially in many places in the bounds of our own conference, there is a spirit of indifference and worldly mindedness prevailing which is appalling. Indifference has become in many places the chief hindrance to success. It is the stumbling stone between the sinner and the Kingdom. The chief need is a mighty awakening, a new consecration and a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost. May God hasten the glad day. Amen.

J. A. PATTON.

Whereas, the testimony in the hearing in the matter of the protest against the seating of Mr. Reed Smoot because the committee on Privileges and Elections of the United States Senate revealed the fact that Joseph F. Smith, President of the Church of latter Day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church, and other officials and members of that church continue to live in polygamy (a polygamous child having been born to President Smith since he gave his testimony before the Senate Committee) in violation of the pledge given to the Nation in 1891 by the apostles of the Church, that polygamy and polygamous practices should cease if amnesty were granted their people for past violations of laws prohibiting polygamy and polygamous practices; and

Wheeeas, the defiant and persistant violation of laws by Mormon polygamists shows that the States in which Mormons are in power are not and will not be able to cope with this evil; and

Whereas, President Roosevelt in his message to Congress, Dec 1906, said: "It is neither safe nor proper to leave the question of polygamy to be dealt with by the several states; power to deal with it should be conferred on the National Government;" and the president recommended submission of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting polygamy; therefore be it

Resolved by the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that we respectfully request the Honorable Lee S. Overman and Furnifold McL. Simmons, members of the National Senate from the State of North Carolina, of which the ministers and members of the Methodist Churches of this Conference are citizens, to introduce, advocate, and vote for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting polygamy and polygamous cohabitation, the same to be submitted to the several States for ratification.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the secretary of this Conference to the Honorable Lee S. Overman and Furnifold McL. Simmons, Senators from the State of North Carolina.

Your committee on the Advocate Journal respectfully report as follows: 1. We regard the Advocate Journal as an important and indispensable factor in our church work. It promotes intelligence and piety. It stands for Bible holiness as expounded by John Wesley the founder of Methodism. It defends the doctrines and policy of our church and promotes loyalty and fidelity among our preachers and people. It helps in our Sunday School and revival work, and is a powerful aid in all financial affairs, ministerial support, to missions, and all other benevolences, and is a blessing to the young people in every home where it is read.

2. We pledge our selves to renewed and earnest offort to place our church paper in every home represented in our congregation.

3. We urge every pastor and presiding elder to be more prompt and faithful in reporting the news of our churches for publication in the paper so that our people may more and more feel that it is their home paper.

4. We hereby pledge our selves to complete the raising of our apportionments for the Advocate Journal fund and send the money in not later than Jan. 1st.

W. A. PATTON,
W. C. MATNEY.

We the auditing committee have examined the reports of the presiding elders and find them correct.

D. J. MILLER,
D. W. HAGA.

COMMITTEES.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

W. J. Evans, President.
D. J. Miller, Vice-president.
A. B. Dennis, Secretary.
Additional Members: Wm. Sellers, Geo. Warren, J. M. Evans, Presiding Elders, ex-offico members.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION

President.....A. Graybeal; Registrar, W. C. Matney.
For Admission.....W. C. Matney, D. J. Miller
First Year.....D. A. Lanier, W. S. Moore
Second Year .....F. A. L. Clark, J. M. Heath
Third Year .....J. F. Matney, J. L. Stephenson
Fourth Year.....W. A. Patton, J. L. Dennis
Local Orders .....J. C. Richardson, D. W. Haga

STATISTICS No. 1. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1907

NAMES OF CHARGES	Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building, Im'pr'g Churches and Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Church Property	Present indebtedness on Church Property
Pond Mountain	30	218								4						
Boone	7	200	1		3	4	5	35	300	6	2800			80		
Creston	21	287	5	4		13	5	33	307	5	2600			125		
Yadkin	18	520	4	2		15	4	26	380	4	2400	1	425	200		
Trap Hill		216		3	1	4	3	16	200	3	2800	1	300			
Zion	10	451	2	2		12	8	50	500	8	4500	1	1000	200	105	45
Laurel Branch	6	171	1		3	15	5	26	544	5	2500			300		
Bakersville	22	220	1	2	2	4	3	20	260	4	2500			50		
Montezuma	20	330	3				5	20	150	8	3000	1	500			
Wilkesboro		206	3	3		12	3	15	188	5	2500			225		
Jefferson	12	212	6	5		8	6	28	168	6	4500	1	500			
Total	146	3031	26	21	9	87	47	269	2997	60	30100	5	2725	1180	105	45

STATISTICS No. 1. CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1907.

NAME OF CHARGES	Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Sch'ls			Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No of Local. Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	P'd for Building, Imp't'v. Churches and Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Chnrch Property
Leicester		260	2	3	11	17	5	15	150	5	$ 6000	1	$ 1000	$ 1625		$ 130
Clyde	20	404	2	1	4	40	6	48	400	6	6000	2	2000	100		
Sylva	25	75		1		8	3	15	85	3	3500			15	75	
Culberson	4	149		2	2	9	4	17	175	2	1600	1	500	100		
Unaka	3	122	2	1	1		1	5	100	4	2600	1	300	205		
Fort Hembree	2	150		2	4	1	2	10	125	4	3000	1	600	600		
Marion	12	274	2		10	28	3	28	200	4	3030	1	700	200		
Pisgah	3	173	2	2			4	30	175	4	4000	1	1500	5	25	
Hiawassee Mission	5	90	1	1			2	16	125	1	800					
Terasita	4	90	2	1	2	2	2	10	60	2	700	1	350	50		
Irvin	3	150	1	5	3	4	4	12	161	5	3000	1	100	130		190
Spartanburg	3	15														
Asheville	12	200		3	1		3	15	200	4	5000	1	600	2100		
Waynesville	14	67		2		4	1	6	80	2	3000			1400		
Total	110	2219	14	24	38	113	40	227	2036	46	42230	11	7650	6510	100	320

STATISTICS No. 3. CLYDE DISTRICT BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1907.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support							Support P. Elders		Support of Bishop		Support Partor's, P. Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants.			Current Expenses	
		Claims			Receipts									R'c'd Fr'm				
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Collections	Other S'rc's	Total	Church, Sexton, light, fuel	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books
Waynesville	W. J. Evans	$ 65	$	$ 65	$ 65	$	$ 65	$	$ 15	$ 15	$ 1	$ 1	$ 81	$ 2		$ 2	$ 15	$ 12
Asheville	A. L. Latham	190	50	240	153	50	203	37	23	23	1	1	232	2		2	20	
Spartanburg	J. L. Stephenson	40		40	40		40											
Irvin	M. A. Mathesen	215	45	260	202	45	247	13	32	32	1	1	280	3		3		10
Terasita	D. C. Slagle	67	50	117	59	50	109	8	25	32	1	1	142	3		3		4
Hiawassee Mission	W. M. Morrow	30		30	30		30		12	14	1		44				8	10
Pisgah	D. M. Matheson	225	75	310	225	75	300		30	30	1	1	331	5		5	25	25
Marion	J. L. Stephenson	250	50	310	311	50	350		30	32	1	1	383	3		3	45	30
Fort Hembree	W. T. Clark	112	50	162	90	50	140	22	30	30	1	1	171	2		2	18	10
Unaka	W. E. West	100	25	125	58	25	83	42	20	20	1	1	104	2		2	10	5
Culberson	D. L. Earnhardt	160	36	196	145	36	181		30	31			212	1		1	10	14
Sylva	W. G. Warren	225		225	158		158		20	20	1	1	179	3		3	13	12
Clyde	D. J. Miller	340	100	440	340	100	440		45	45	2	2	487				40	100
Leicester	A. B. Dennis	290	50	340	300	50	350		32	21			382	3		3	10	40
Total		2309	431	2840	2165	431	2696		344	356			3028	29		29	214	270

STATISTICS No. 3. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1907.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support							Support P. Elders		Support of Bishop		Support Partor's, P. Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants.			Current Expense	
		Claims			Receipts									R'c'd Fr'm				
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Collections	Other S'rc's	Total	Church, Sexton, light, fuel	S. S. : Lesson Leaves, Books
Laurel Branch	J. N. S. Doub	1150		1150	104		104	11	16	16	1	1	121	1		1	6	17
Bakersville	J. M. Welborn	200		200	75		75	125	40	26			101				10	10
Zion	J. F. Matney	355	50	405	355	50	405		40	40	1	1	446	8		8	25	8
Jefferson	H. Weaver	200	20	220	70	20	90	130	40	30			120					
Creston	D. W. Haga	175		175	146		146	29	25	26	2	2	167	1		1		12
Trap Hill	J. F. Usrey	150	30	180	90	30	120	60	16	16	1	1	137	1		1		
Wilkesboro	D. J. White	100		100	130		130		28	28	1	1	162	2		2		
Montezuma	A. Graybeal	300	50	350	100	50	150	200	50	50			200	2		2	30	15
Pond Mountain	H. Blankenship	53		53	53		53		8	8								
Boone	L. D. Osborne	175		175	105		105	70	25	24			129					25
Yadkin	J. E. Richardson	250	30	250	220	30	250	35	35	35	1	1	286	2			5	12
Total		2073	180	2253	1441	180	1631	660	323	299	7	7	1869	17		15	76	99

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT

NAME OF CHARGES	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average attendance	No. of Members in the Home Dep't'm.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars Ch. Memb's or Proba.	No. Converted During the Year	Current Expenses
Wilkesboro	3	15	188	100		15	175	25	5
Jefferson	6	28	168	168					
Montezuma	5	20	150	125		20			15
Bakersville	3	20	260	175		20			10
Pond Mountain									
Laurel Branch	5	26	270	60		15	7		17
Zion	8	50	500	350		30	10	10	35
Yadkin	4	26	380	275	75	23	250	20	20
Boone	5	33	370	160		22	90	31	12
Creston	5	35	300	250		35		20	25
Trap Hill	3	16	200	40				17	
Total	47	269	2786	1683	75	188	532	103	139

CLYDE DISTRICT.

Clyde	6	48	400	300		48	350	66	90
Waynesville	1	6	80	56		6		76	
Spartanburg									
Asheville	3	15	200	150		14			
Irvin	4	12	16	100		8			10
Hiawassee	2	16	125	90		8	90	4	18
Pisgah	4	30	175	150		20	75	25	
Terasita	2	10	60	35		6	30	7	4
Marion	3	28	200	120		28	118	35	30
Fort Hembree	2	10	125	75					10
Unaka	1	5	100	50		5	50	27	5
Culberson	4	17	175	125	4	16	180	37	17
Sylva	3	15	85	65		12	40	54	12
Leicester	5	15	150	150		13	165	11	50
Total	40	227	1891	1466	4	184	1104	142	246

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

King's Mountain	4	20	200	150	6	15	6	25	35
Daisy	4	23	225	100		175			20
Gladstone	2	10	140	100		10	120	12	20
Chandler	5	35	200	135		35		25	10
Caldwell	3	10	156	75		10	156	13	8
Casar	4	35	160	125		35	40		10
Glass	3	15	140			10	100	10	12
Troy	4	25	150	135		20		6	12
Harmony	5	25	150	125	25	100	41	10	
Greensboro	2	8	80	75					25
Troy Station	1	6	75	70		50			25
Total	37	222	1676	1080	31	460	463	101	157
Grand total this year	124	718	6333	4229	110	822	2099	346	542
Grand total last year	115	596	6098	4105		532	3758	510	530
Increase	9	123	255	124	110	290			12
Decrease							669	164	

STATISTICS No. 1. STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1907.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property					
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building, Im'pr'g Churches and Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Church Property	Present indebtedness on Church Property
Troy Station		40					1	10	100	1	4000					
King's Mountain	12	400	3	1	3	30	4	20	150	4	3500	1	2500	410	37	
Gladstone		190	2	2	10	7	2	10	140	4	1700	1	600			
Troy	22	190	2	5	6		4	25	150	4	3500					
Chandler	40	300	1	3	3	7	5	35	200	9	4250	1	200	125		175
Daisy	20	270	1	4	1	1	4	23	320	5	4000	1	800	300		
Caldwell	11	186	2	4	13	8	3	10	150	4	1000			100		
Casar	25	420	1	3	20	20	4	35	160	6	3500	1	1000	120		
Glass	17	190	5	2			3	15	140	4	3000	1	1000			
Harmony	9	224	2	2		5	5	25	150	5	1800					
Greensboro	6	20	1	3	3		2	8	80	2	1200					
Total Statesville	156	2370	19	26	56	78	34	198	1560	45	26250	6	4100	1055	37	175
Total Bakersville	146	3031	26	21	9	87	47	269	2997	60	30100	5	2725	1180	105	45
Total Clyde	110	2219	14	24	38	113	40	227	2036	46	42230	11	7650	6510	100	320
Grand total this year	432	7626	59	71	103	268	121	696	6593	151	98580	22	16475	8745	232	540
Grand total last year	437	7048	55	56	78	212	114	601	6383	144	86580	24	13500	13068	25	625
Increase	95	578	4	15	25	56	7	95	210	7	12000		2975		207	
Decrease												2		4323		85

STATISTICS No. 3. STATESVILLE DISTRICT BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1907.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support: Claims: Salary	Claims: House Rent	Claims: Total	Receipts: Salary	Receipts: House Rent	Receipts: Total	Receipts: Deficiencies	Support P. Elders: Amount Apportioned	Support P. Elders: Amount Paid	Support of Bishop: Amount Apportioned	Support of Bishop: Amount Paid	Support Partor's, P. Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm: Collections	Conference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm: Other S'rc's	Conference Claimants. R'c'd Fr'm: Total	Current Expenses: Church, Sexton, light, fuel	Current Expenses: S. S. : Lesson Leaves, Books
Caldwell	D. A. Lanier	$ 90	$	$90	$ 80	$	$ 80	$10	$ 20	$ 15	$	$	$ 95	$ 1		$	$	$ 8
Casar	W. S. Moore	375	50	425	378	50	428		25	25	1	1	459					
Daisy	J. M. Heath	242	36	278	230	30	260	12	37	37	1	1	287	2		2		18
Chandler	F. A. L. Clark	190	30	220	246	30	276		20	20	1	1	297	3		3	10	18
King's Mountain	L. J. Penley	215	60	275	215	60	275		25	25	1	1	301	2		2	25	25
Troy	J. B Tucker	190		190	190		190		25	26	1	1	217	2		2	10	12
Gladstone	J. J. Matney	200	36	236	200	36	236		25	25	1	1	262	2		2	20	20
Glass	C. F. Casstevens	200	40	240	200	40	240		25	25	1	1	266	5		5	25	25
Greensboro	N. M. Cooper								7	7							10	8
Harmony	S. A. Earnhardt	200		200	200		200		25	25	1	1	226	8		8	3	10
Troy Station	J. A. Sisk	125		125	100		100	25	10	10								
Total Statesville		2027	252	3479	2039	246	2285	22	234	229	8	8	2410	25		24	103	144
Total Clyde		2309	431	2840	2165	431	2696	122	344	356	12	11	3028	29		29	214	270
Total Bakersville		2070	180	2253	1441	180	1631	660	323	299	7	7	1869	17		15	76	99
Grand Total This Year		6404	863	8772	5645	757	6612	804	901	884	27	26	7307	71		68	393	513
Grand Total Last Year		5879	656	6635	5058	751	5811	830	880	832	25	22	6667	51	1	48	282	421
Increase		530	207	2137	587	6	801		21	52	2	4	640	20		20	111	92
Decrease									26						1			

NAME OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																
	Missions			B'd C. Exten.		Education, S. S.						Woman's H. M. So.					
	a Church	b Special Gifts	Sunday Schools not Divided	Church	Special Gifts	Children's Fund for Students Aid	a Church	b Sunday School	Total	Education	Bible Society	Woman's F. M. Society	a Cash	b Supplies	Total Other Benevolent Col'c'ts	General Conference
BAKERSVILLE D.																
Montezuma	15		1	8		8	5		37							
Wilkesboro	5		1	5		2		1	14				5	1	3	
Creston	30			5		1	1		37		1	1	2	4	3	
Trap Hill	5			5					10							
Jefferson	30												2			
Zion	30			30		5							3		9	
Bakersville	2			2			1									
Laurel Branch	5	5		15	15	3	3					2				
Yadkin	33						1						1		3	
Boone	14			4					34							
Pond Mountain																
Total	169	5	2	74	15	19	11	1	132		1	3	13	5	18	
CLYDE DIST.																
Waynesville	6			7			1	1	15	1			2			
Sylva	3								5							
Culberson	6			12	6	1		2	27				1		2	
Unaka	6			6			1	2	15	2			2		3	
Hiawassee Miss.	2			3					5							
Marion	25			25		1			51		1	1	1			
Terasita	8			12			7		27				3		1	
Pisgah	10	10		20	20	1	2	2	65	1		1	2			
Irwin	12			12		7			31				2		3	
Ft. Hembree	10			10		4			24				3			
Spatanburg																
Asheville	10			10		3			24				2		5	
Clyde	25			50		5			85		1	2	10		32	
Leicester	12			20			5		32				3		3	
Total	135	10		189	26	22	16	7	406	4	2	4	31		49	
STATESVILLE D																
Daisy	5		1	25		1	5		35		1	1	2			
Chandler	15			8			14		39		2	1	2			
Troy	6			3				1	13				1			
Gladstone	10			3		1			14		1		1		3	
King's Mt	15			10		3	7		35	3	1	2	2		4	
Glass	10	10		20	20	1	2		65	1	1	1	1		1	
Casar	15			19			2	2	36	4			3		15	
Caldwell	3			1			1		4				1			
Harmony	20			5			3		28				1			
Greensboro	1								1							
Troy Station	4			9					12							
Total	104	10	1	103	20	6	37	3	232	8	6	6	14		23	
Total this year	408	25	3	366	61	47	64	11	934	12	9	12	58	5	90	
Total last year									1257			6	46	2		
Increase											9	6	12	3	90	
Decrease									323							

NAME OF CHARGES	Missionary Society		Sunday School Union	Church Extension		Childrens F. Stud'ts Aid		Frc'm'n's Aid and S Schools		Local Educational Interests	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	conference Claimats		Episcopal Fund		Special Gifts for China	Total Cash	Total Vouchers	Total Cash and Vouchers
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher							Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher				
CLYDR DISTRICT																							
Asheville	10				10	3							2		2	2	1				20	10	30
Culberson	6				10	1	1						1		1	1					10	11	21
Clyde	25			50		5		5				1	2	10	27	5		1			104	27	131
Fort Hembree	10			10		4								3		2	2	1			32		32
Hiawassee Mission	2			3												1					6		6
Irvin	12			12		7								2		3	3	1			40		40
Leicester	12			8	12									5		3	3				31	12	43
Marion	25			10	15	1						1	1	1		3	3	1			45	15	60
Pisgah	10			20				2			1		1	2		3	5	1			45		45
Sylva	3			2												1	3	1			10		10
Terasita	8				12			7						3		2	3			1	24	14	38
Unaka	6		1	6		2		2						2		1	2	1			23		23
Waynesville	6		1	7		1		1						2		1	2	1			22		22
Total	135		2	128	59	24	1	17		1	2	4	33	27	28	29	9	1	1		412	89	501
STATESVILLE DIS.																							
Caldwell	1			3									1			1					6		6
Casar	15		1	15				5					3		2	3	1				45		45
Chandler	15		1	8		7		1				1	2		1	3	1				41		41
Daisy	5			25		1		2				1	1		1	2	1				40		40
Gladstone	10			3		1						1			1	2	1				20		20
Glass	10			20		1		2			1	1	1		2	5	1				45		45
Greensboro	1																			4	1	4	5
Harmony	10		1	10		3		1						1	1	4	1				32		32
King's Mountain	15				25			2						2	2	4				4	25	29	54
Troy Station	4			9																	13		13
Troy	6		1	3		4								1	1	1	1				18		18
Total	92		4	96	25	17		13		1	4	3	13		11	25	7		8		286	33	319
BAKERSVILLE DIS.																							
Bakersville	2			2		1															5		5
Boone	2		1	2		2		1				1	1	2		2					14		14
Creston	30			5		1		1				1	1	2			1	2		4	44	4	48
Jefferson				30										2		3					35		35
Laurel Branch	5			4	11	3		3					2			2	1	1			21	11	32
Montezuma	15		1	8		8			5							1	2				35	5	40
Pond Mountain				4												1					5		5
Trap Hill	5			5													1	1			12		12
wilkesboro	5		1	5		2		1						5		1	2	1			23		23
Yadkin	33							1						1		3	2	1			41		41
Zion	30			30		5								3		3	8	1			80		80
Total	127		3	95	11	22		7	5		2	4	15		16	17	7		4		315	20	335
Grand Total	354		9	319	95	63	1	37	5	2	8	11	61	27	55	71	23	1	13		1013	142	1155

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Aaron Seminary

MONTEZUMA, N. C.

A high class College Preparatory School for Boys and Girls.
Special attention given to those preparing to teach.
Nineteenth Annual Session will open Monday, September, 1908. First Term closes Friday, December 18, 1908. Second Term opens December, 1908, and closes April, 1909.

LOCATION.

Situated amongst hills, near the summit of the Blue Ridge, at an altitude of 4,000 feet, the air is as pure as mortals breathe. The School building and Dormitory are situated on the highest ground in the town of Montezuma, commanding an inspiring view of the surrounding country. The Linville River Railroad passing through the town makes convenient mails in transit.

BUILDINGS.

The Seminary is 36x66, two stories high, with six rooms. There is a Home for girls and two Dormitories for boys. The Home for girls is an elegant building and will be under the care of an accomplished matron.

EXPENSES.

Tuition will be as follows:

First and Second Grades.....	$1.00	per month
Third and Fourth Grades.....	1.25	" "
Fifth and Sixth Grades.....	1.50	" "
Academic Studies	2.50	" "
Seventh and Eighth Grades.....	2.00	" "

Instrumental Music will be furnished at $2.00 per month.

There will be an incidental fee of 50 cents per term, payable in advance. Board in the Home, including everything but sheets and covers for beds and towels will cost $6.00 per month. Fifty cents extra will be charged for bedding and towels. Room in the Boys' Dormitories, with heavy furniture, can be had for 50 cents per month. Boys rooming in the Dormitories can board themselves or take their meals at the Home.

The discipline of the School will be that of a Christian home.

A special invitation is given to young men and women who are ambitious to prepare themselves for some form of usefulness.

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SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

SOUTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1879, Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	T. O. Thayer.

CHANGED TO BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

1880, Jan. 28, Feb. 1	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton.
1881, Jan. 20-24	Leicester,	" Warren,	"
1882, Jan. 19-23	Asheville,	" Foster,	"
1883, Jan. 24-29	Gastonia,	" Merrill,	"
1884, Jan. 30-Feb. 4	Asheville,	" Bowman,	J.D.Robertson.
1885, Feb. 12-16	Clyde,	" Andrews,	"
1885, Oct. 1-5	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford.
1886, Oct. 7-11	Smith's Chapel,	" Walden,	"
1887, Oct. 19-23	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	W.Q.A.Graham.
1888, Oct. 18-22	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	"
1889, Oct. 17-21	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Robertson.
1889, Oct. 16-20	Clyde,	" Joyce,	"
1891, Oct. 21-25	Asheville,	" Warren,	A. Graybeal.
1892, Oct. 13-16	Poindexter,	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble.
1893, Oct. 12-16	Daisy,	" Hurst,	W. Q. A. Graham.
1894, Sept 27-Oct. 1	Smith's Chapel	" Foster,	"
1895, Oct. 9-24	Clyde,	" Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal.
1896, Sept. 24-27	Asheville,	" Mallilieu,	"
1897, Oct. 11-17	Walkertown,	" Andrews,	"
1898, Oct. 20-24	Marion,	" Goodsell,	"
1899, Oct. 19-22	Seward,	" Fowler,	"
1900, Oct. 4-7	Clyde,	" Canston,	"
1901, Oct. 24-27	Montezuma,	" Goodsell,	"
1902, Oct. 23-26	Seward,	" Walden,	"
1903, Oct. 7-10	Glass,	" Joyce,	"
1904, Oct. 6-11	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	"
1905, Oct. 5-8	Montezuma,	" Fowler,	"
1906, Oct. 4-8	Troy,	" Bashford,	"
1907, Oct. 23-27	Walkertown,	" Spellmeyer,	"
1908, Oct. 1-4	King's Mountain,	" Goodsell,	"

Our Dead

NAME.	DIED.	ADMITTED.	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Parker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1881	From N. C. Conference
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference.
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial.
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference
J. F. Prevett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1895	1880	From Holston.
A. H. Peeples	1897	1905	On trial.
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial.
W. G. Matton	1901	——	From N. C. Conference
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial.
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial.
C. F. Casstevens	1907	1890	On trial.
H. D. Christenberry	1907	1884	On trial.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

MRS. MAKAY.

CONFERENCE ROLL 1908

NAME	ORDER	POSTOFFICE	WHEN ADMITTED
Clark, T. A. L.	Elder	Troy	1884
Clark, W. T.	Deacon	Terasita	1905
Dennis, J. L.	Elder	Clyde	1891
Dennis, A. B.	Deacon	Leicester	1906
Bumgarner, J. L. A.	"	Walkertown	1901
Earnhardt, S. A.	Elder	Salisbury	——
Earnhardt, D. L.	Deacon	Clyde	1906
Latham, A. L.	"	Asheville, R. F. D.	1906
Matney, J. F.	Elder	Walkertown	1888
Matney, W. C.	"	Candler, R. F. D.	1889
Matney, J. J.	Deacon	Glass	1904
Matheson, D. M.	Elder	Culberson	1888
Moore, W. S.	"	Casor	1897
Patton, W. A.	"	Lansing	1898
Tucker, J. B.	"	Gladstone	1895
Heath, J. M.	"	Statesville, R. F. D. 5	1889
Richardson, J. C.	"	Siloam	1896
Usrey, J. F.	"	Greensboro	1905
Penley, L. J.	"	King's Mountain	1888
Haga, D. W.	Deacon	Wheeler	1905
Slagle, D. C.	"	Irvin	1904
Marthuson, M. A.	"	Old Fort	1903
Osborne, D. L.	"	Bakersville	1905
Sisk, J. A.	"	Troy	1906
Stephenson, J. L.	Elder	King's Mountain	——
Rominger, L. A.	"	Lansing	1908

PROBATIONERS.

Johnson, A. L.	Deacon	Chattanooga	1895
Boyd, J. M.	Licentiate	Fall, Branch, Tenn.	1906
White, D. J.	"	Wilkesboro	1906
Fine, J. F.	"	Fall Branch, Tenn.	1907
West, F. C.	"	Unaka	1908
Wilson, Austin	"	Harmony	1908

SUPERNUMERARY.

Brown, A. E.	Elder	Mt. City, Tenn.	1906
Corlett, L. W.	"	Plateau	——
Doub, J. N. S.	"	Trophill	1895
Graybeal, A.	"	Montezuma	1882

SUPERANUATES.

Franklin, D. N.	Elder	Sylva	1888
Rhyme, J. J.	"	——	1887
Broyles, M. W.	"	Alto	1879
Evans, W. J.	"	Canton	——
Lanier, D. A.	"	Catawba	1890

OFFICERS, 1908.

President.....Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D., LL.D.
150 Fifth Ave., New York.
Secretary.....A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
Statistical Secretary.....J. C. Richardson, Poindexter, N. C.
Treasurer.....D. W. Haga, Wheeler, N. C.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

President .....A. Graybeal.
Registrar .....W. C. Matney.
Admission.....W. C. Matney, Ch'm'n; J. F. Usrey, D. W. Haga.
First Year.....W. S. Moore, Ch'm'n; J. J. Matney, A. B. Dennis.
Second Year..J. M. Heat, Ch'm'n; J. C. Richardson, F. A. L. Clard.
Third Year..J. F. Matney, Ch.; J. L. Stephenson, D. M. Matheson.
Fourth Year.....W. A. Patton, Ch'm'n; J. L. Dennis, L. J. Penley.
Local Orders.....M. A. Matheson, D. C. Slagle, S. A. Earnhardt.

All examinations are to be held on the day preceding the session of our Annual Conference. All papers are to be prepared by committee in each year and sent to the chairman of the Board of Examiners a reasonable time before conference convenes.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

W. A. Patton, D. S.

Bakersville .....L. D. Osborne.
Boone .....sup., T. H. Cole.
Creston .....D. W. Haga.
Jefferson .....L. A. Rominger.
Laurel Branch.....J. H. Fine.
Montezuma ..... Supplied.
Pond Mountain.....Supplied by F. A. Farmer.
Traphill .....Supplied by W. L. White.
Wilkesboro .....D. J. White.
Yadkin .....J. C. Richardson.
Zion .....I. M. Heath.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. Matney, Superintendent, Walkertown.

Caldwell .....S. A. Earnhardt.

Casor ..... W. S. Moore.
Chandler ..... J. L. Penley.
Daisey ..... J. L. A. Bumgarner.
Gladstone ..... J. B. Tucker.
Glass ..... J. J. Matney.
Greensboro ..... J. F. Usrey.
Harmony ..... Austin Wilson.
King's Mountain ..... J. L. Stephenson.
Troy and Pine Bluff ..... F. A. L. Clark.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

J. L. Dennis, Superintendent, Clyde, N. C.

Asheville ..... A. L. Latham.
Clyde and Waynesville ..... D. L. Earnhardt.
Culberson ..... D. M. Matheson.
Ft. Hembree and Terasita ..... W. T. Clark.
Greenville Mission ..... Supplied.
Unaka and Hiawasee ..... F. C. West.
Irwin ..... D. C. Slagle.
Leicester ..... A. B. Dennis.
Marion ..... M. A. Matheson.
Pisgah ..... W. C. Matney.
Spartanburg ..... W. C. Matney.
Sylva ..... sup., M. G. Warren.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTION.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church Held in King's Mountain, October 1-4, 1908.

BISHOP GOODSELL, Presiding.

A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what what churches? None.

2. Who have been readmitted? Lewis A. Rominger.

3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churchse? None.

4. Who have been received on trial? (a) in studies of first year: F. C. West, Austin Wilson. (b) in studies of third year: none.

5. Who have been continued on trial? (a) in studies of first year: W. G. Weaver, J. H. Fine, J. M. Boyd. (b)

in studies of second year: T. J. White. (c) in sudies of third year: none. (d) in studies of fourth year: none.

6. Who have been discontinued? W. G. Weaver.

7. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) elected and ordained Deacons this year: J. L. A. Bumgarner, A. L. Latham. (b) elected and ordained Deacons previously: A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, W. T. Clark.

8. What members are in studies of third year? (a) admitted into full membership this year: A. B. Dennis, L. D. Earnhardt, W. T. Clark, A. L. Latham, J. L. Bumgarner. (b) admitted into full membership previously: D. C. Slagle, M. A. Matheson, L. D. Osborne.

9. What members are in studies of fourth year? D. W. Haga, J. J. Matney, W. S. Moore.

10. What members have completed the Conference course of study? (a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: none. (b) Elected and ordained Elders previously: none.

11. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? (a) As local preachers: none. (b) Under Missionary rule: none. (c) Under seminary rule: none.

12. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? (a) As local Deacons: none. (b) Under missonary rule: none. (c) Under seminary rule: none.

13. Was the character of each preacher examined? The case of N. M. Cooper was referred to the District Superintendent for investigation.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? None.

15. Who have died? None.

16. Who have been located at their own request? W. A. Ballew.

17. Who have been located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? D. J. Miller. Subject return of parchments.

Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

20. Who have been expelled? None.

21. What other personal notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the supernumerary Preachers? A. E. Brown, L. W. Corbett, J. N. S. Doub, A. Graybeal.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rymer, W. J. Evans, D. A. Lanier, W. W. Broiles.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? D. M. Matheson, J. F. Matney, A. Graybeal, W. J. Evans, F. A. L. Clark.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical Report.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $898.

27. What are the claims on the Conference Fund? $487.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? $487. See Stewards report.

29. Where are the Preachers stationed?

30. Where shall the next Convention be held? Bethel, Asheville, N. C.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

King's Mountain, N. C., Oct. 1, 1908.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its thirtieth session in Grace Church, King's Mountain, N. C., October 1st, 1908, Bishop D. A. Godsell, D. D., LL. D. presiding. The Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and Dr. Denton, Recording Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Bishop made some timely remarks and opened the Conference.

Roll Call.—The Secretary of last session called the roll and the following responded, viz: F. A. L. Clark, J. L. Dennis, S. A. Earnhardt, A. Graybeal, D. A. Lanier, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, J. J. Matney, D. M. Matheson, W. S. Moore, W. A. Patton, J. M. Heath, J. C. Richardson, J. F. Usrey, J. L. Penley, D. W. Haga, J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. T. Clark, A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, A. L. Latham, D. J. White, J. H. Fine, J. J. Rhyme and J. L. Stephenson.

Organization.—On motion of W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal was elected Secretary with the privilege of naming his assistant. He accordingly named J. L. A. Bumgarner. D. W. Haga was elected Treasurer and J. C. Richardson Statistical Secretary. The former named A. B. Dennis as his assistant and the latter W. S. Moore.

Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.—The hours of 8:30 a. m. and 12 m. were fixed as time for meeting and adjourning, respectively.

Introductions.—Dr. S. O. Denton, Recording Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society; R. B. Templeton, of St. Louis Conference; Dr. Kilgore, pastor of Methodist Episcopal Church of King's Mountain; Rev. Armstrong, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Bessemer City, and D. M. Jackson of the Alabama Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

At this juncture Dr. Falls, representing the Mayor of East King's Mountain, delivered a very hearty address of welcome. The Bishop, on behalf of the Conference responded in a very happy way. W. C. Matney, for himself and for the Conference, gave expression of our pleasure at the presence and presidency of Bishop Goodsell. Dr. Kilgore gave some very strong remarks concerning the union of the two great Methodist Churches which were very heartily cheered by the Conference.

Standing Committees.—W. C. Matney, for the District Superintendents, read nominations for the committees and they were elected as follows:

1. Public Worship.—J. F. Matney and L. J. Penley.

2. Board of Conference Stewards.—A. Graybeal, J. N. S. Doub, D. M. Matheson, F. A. L. Clark and J. L. Stephenson.

3. Auditing.—D. M. Matheson, D. W. Haga.

4. Benevolences.—L. J. Penley, W. S. Moore.

5. Educational.—A. Graybeal, M. A. Matheson.

6. Reforms.—J. F. Matney, D. C. Slagle.

7. State of the Church.—W. A. Patton, W. C. Matney, J. L. Dennis.

8. Memoirs.—F. A. L. Clark, W. S. Moore, J. A. Sisk, L. J. Penley.

9. Triers of Appeals.—D. M. Matheson, W. J. Evans, F. A. L. Clark, J. F. Matney, A. Graybeal.

10. Conference Relations.—A. Graybeal, D. M. Matheson, J. L. Dennis.

Drafts Accepted.—The Bishop announced that the Conference is authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for $22. and upon the Book Concern for $384. The Conference accepted the drafts and ordered them paid to the chairman of the Conference Stewards.

Question 13. "Was the character of each preacher examined?" W. A. Patton, District Superintendent of the Bakersville District, was called and after the passage of his character and upon his recommendation the character of the effective elders in his district read this report. The following effective elders reported: D. M. Matheson, A. Graybeal, J. F. Usrey, J. C. Richardson and J. M. Heath.

Clyde District.—W. C. Matney, District Superintendent, after the passage of his character, and upon his recommendation, the character of the effective elders in his district, read his report.

Dr. Denton, Recording Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions addressed the Conference in the interest of this cause.

Upon motion of W. A. Patton, a statistical session was ordered for 2 o'clock this afternoon. W. A. Patton was appointed to preside.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Kilgore.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference convened at 2 o'clock. The majority of the pastors passed in their reports to the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow at 8:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

Friday Morning, October 2, 1908.

The Conference met pursuant to appointment, Bishop

Goodsell in the chair. D. M. Matheson conducted the devotions.

Roll of absentees was called and J. B. Tucker responded.

Upon motion of the Secretary further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Executive Session.—Upon motion of W. C. Matney an executive session was ordered to convene at once.

Complaints having been made against N. M. Cooper, his case was referred to the District Superintendent of the Statesville District for investigation, and he was suspended until time of investigation.

C. W. Smith asked to be re-admitted. As he had withdrawn from the Conference under complaints this could not be done. A motion prevailed requesting the Superintendent of the Statesville District to say to him that he is at liberty to make his confession to the Conference, and that he be required to return his credentials to the Conference.

W. C. Matney reported that D. J. Miller had left his work during the year without his presiding elder's consent and that he had gone to another church. Upon motion it was ordered that the District Superintendent of the Clyde District be instructed to notify him that he is not considered as withdrawn until he shall have the consent of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference, and that the Blue Ridge Annual Conference claims jurisdiction over him under our law, and makes the return of his parchments the condition of his withdrawal, and unless he does return them he is liable for trial in this Conference.

Question 16. "Who have been located at their own request?" W. A. Ballew.

A motion prevailed that the executive session close.

The minutes of yesterday's session were corrected and approved.

Question 13 was resumed. J. F. Matney, District Superintendent of the Statesville District was called and after the passage of his character and upon his recommendation, the character of the effective elders in his district, read his report. The following effective elders reported: D. A. Lanier, J. L. Dennis, J. B. Tucker, S. A. Earnhardt, L. J. Penley, and F. A. L. Clark. The following reported through the District Superintendent: N. M. Cooper and J. A. Sisk.

Question 2. "Who have been readmitted? Lewis A. Rominger.

Question 22. "Who are the Supernumerary preachers?" was asked. A. E. Brown and L. W. Corbett were continued in this relation.

Question 23. "Who are the superannuated preachers?" was taken up. D. N. Franklin and J. J. Rhyme were continued in this relation. M. W. Broyles and J. N. S. Doub were referred to the committee on conference relations. W. J. Evans was granted the relation of a superanuate.

Question 5. "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. D. J. White was continued on trial and was advanced to the studies of the second year. W. J. Weaver, J. H. Fine and J. M. Boyd were continued on trial in the studies of the first year. D. J. White and J. H. Fine reported their work.

Question 8. "What members are in the studies of the third year?" was taken up. D. W. Haga, having passed in the books of the third year was advanced to the studies of the fourth year and elected to elders orders. D. C. Slagle, M. A. Matheson and L. D. Osborne were continued in the studies of the third year. D. W. Haga reported his work.

Question 9. "What members are in the studies of the fourth year?" was taken up. J. J. Matney and W. S. Moore passed in all the books except one each. They were continued in the fourth year. J. J. Matney being required to be examined on English History and W. S. Moore on Church History. J. J. Matney and W. S. Moore reported their collections.

Question 30. "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was asked. Bethel in the Asheville charge was chosen.

On motion of A. Graybeal it was agreed to appoint a commission of five from this Conference to meet with a similar commission from the Atlantic Mission Conference looking toward the consolidation of the two Conferences.

A. Graybeal, J. F. Matney, J. L. Dennis, W. A. Patton, D. M. Matheson, a committee on the blending of the Mission Conference with the Blue Ridge Conference.

Mr. Smith, representing the Methodist Book Concern in

Cincinnati and F. W. Bradley of the M. E. Church South, were introduced to the Conference.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. F. W. Bradley.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 3, 1908.

Conference met according to appointment at 9 a. m., with Bishop Goodsell in the chair. The Bishop conducted the devotions.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Question 4. "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. Frederick C. West and Austin Wilson were received on trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

Question 7. "Who have been admitted into full membership?" was asked. J. L. A. Bumgarner having passed in studies of second year was admitted to full membership and elected to deacon's orders and placed in studies of third year. A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, W. T. Clark and A. L. Latham were admitted to full membership and advanced to the studies of the third year, provided they pass during this Conference in the book in which each was deficient.

The Bishop in a very able and helpful manner addressed the class for admission and asked the usual disciplinary questions.

Question 24. "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. D. M. Matheson, J. F. Matney, A. Graybeal, W. J. Evans and F. A. L. Clark.

Question 23 was resumed. D. A. Lanier was granted the superannuate relation. $77.00 from the Stewards was granted him, $20.00 of which was a collection taken in open Conference. On motion of A. Graybeal the $20.00 collection was reported by King's Mountain charge.

Dr. Iliff, one of the Secretaries of the Home Mission Society and Dr. Manker, editor of the Methodist Advocate Journal were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Announcements were made. Conference being adjourned by expiration of time, a motion prevailed to extend the time for the purpose of receiving reports. D. M. Matheson read the report of the auditing committee. Report adopted.

On motion of W. A. Patton Conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m. Benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. J. Manker.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

Conference met according to appointment at 2:30 o'clock with Bishop Goodsell in the chair. J. F. Matney led the Conference in prayer.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

W. S. Moore made his report as Statistical Secretary. See report, which was adopted.

Committee on the State of the Church reported by W. A. Patton. Report adopted.

Committee on Conference Relation recommended that J. N. S. Doub be granted the supernumerary relation, and that M. W. Broyles be continued in his present relation. Report adopted.

A. Graybeal made his report as Treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund. See report, which was adopted.

On motion of J. L. Dennis the Treasurer was instructed to use all diligence in collecting the outstanding notes during the year.

Paper concerning conference claimants read by W. C. Matney. Report adopted.

On motion of W. C. Matney it was ordered that the Conference adjourn at the close of the night session Sunday.

Question 7 was resumed. A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, W. T. Clark, A. L. Latham and W. T. Clark were admitted to full membership. Each reported his work.

Publication of Minutes.—Each pastor to pay $1.25 and each District Superintendent $3.00. Said amount to be taken out of first quarter's missionary appropriation.

On motion it was ordered that we adjourn to meet at close of missionary meeting tomorrow night, at which time the appointments are to be read, when the Conference will adjourn *sine die*.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference met according to appointment at close of Sunday night service with Bishop Goodsell in the chair.

Question 22 resumed. A. Graybeal was granted the supernumerary relation.

W. T. Weaver was discontinued.

W. C. Matney read paper giving missionary appropriations.

Resolutions read and approved.

W. A. Patton read resolution commending the Methodist Advocate Journal.

W. C. Matney read list of the members of the different boards.

Bishop read appointments.

Conference adjourned *sine die*.

REPORTS

TEMPERANCE.

The use of alcoholic liquors, opium and the desecration of the holy Sabbath is the prevalent form of intemperance that is so destructive to the race. These destructive agencies are entrenched behind the greed of capital and perverted appetite.

Patriotism, humanity and Christianity demand the legal prohibition of these monster evils. The people need to know the danger to our national institutions from this cruel monopoly; the injurious effects to mind and body; and worse than all that, no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven.

Resolved: That that there be wise and judicious legislation and a faithful execution of law both in church and state against all such prevailing evils.

J. F. MATNEY.

EDUCATION.

Education and Christianity do and must continue to go hand in hand. With the rapidly increasing intricacies of modern life, does the value and absolute necessity of our education become more imperative.

It requqires more mental training to live today than was necessary a few years ago to enter the professions. He who does not educate now can hope for nothing far removed from a life of slavery. Brain power becomes more costly every day, while muscle power becomes less valuable. While this is true in regard to success

in the material world, it is also true and vastly more important in regard to the work of the church. Education drives back superstition and ignorance, two of the church's most formidable enemies. And it is also true that the church that educates the youth of our country will sooner or later have them upon their church rolls.

The need of education in our territory is both great and imperative. The free schools last only about four months and many of them are very inferior. Other churches are seeing this need and are coming to its relief. In the western part of the state the Presbyterians are making special efforts to gather the young people into their schools. We Methodists must either put forth more effort or surrender the field. But this, God being our helper, we will never do.

Our community schools in different parts of the Conference are doing excellent work and we commend them to the support and sympathy of all our people. The proposed school for Clyde District, to be located at Ettawa, promises to be a good center for our educational work in that section of the Conference.

Our Conference Seminary located at Montezuma has been and is doing a noble work. The prospects for a good year are flattering. Believing in this school as we do, and the fact concerning education as above stated, be it therefore resolved:

1st. That we heartily endorse and pledge our support to our Conference Seminary.

2d. That the presiding elders be requested to devote one sermon on each charge to the subject of education in behalf of schools and in inspiring our young people to attend them.

Respectfully submitted,
A. GRAYBEAL.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Receipts from Book Concern	$384.00
Receipts from Chartered Funds	22.00
Receipts from Collections	88.00
Total	$494.00
Disbursements as follows:	
Mrs. Susan Matney	$ 80.00
D. N. Franklin	90.00
Mrs. A. J. Johnson	35.00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	45.00
J. J. Rhyme	20.00
Mrs. Edwin Anderson	20.00
Mrs. J. H. Ronninger	20.00
Mrs. C. F. Casstevens	70.00
W. J. Evans	30.00
D. A. Lanier	77.00
	$487.00
Paid for Bank Exchange	.75
Paid for money orders and registered mail in remitting to claimants	.80
Balance on hand and credited with Conference Relief Fund	$ 5.45
	$488.55

We, the Conference Board of Stewards, recommend that this Conference raise during the coming year at least $150.00 for our claimants, that this amount be appropriated equally among the districts and that each D. S. apportion the amount expected from his districts, among the pastoral charges.

A. GRAYBEAL,
D. M. MATHESON,
J. L. STEPHENSON,
L. J. PENLEY,
F. A. L. CLARK.

RESOLUTION.

We greatly need $740.00 for our present Conference Claimants. Deducting from the above $406.00, our present annuity fund, leaves us $334.00 to be raised. Add to this 5 per cent for the constructional fund makes $350.00 to be collected by the conference. An equal division will give $118.00 to each District, or an average of $10.00 to the pastoral charges. We therefore ask the Conference Board of Stewards to make the apportionment accordingly and to ask the D. S. to see that collections be made during the first quarter. and placed in the hands of the Treasurer for our Conference Relief Funds.

W. C. MATNEY.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the Auditing Committe, have examined the reports of the District Superintendents and find them all correct.

D. M. MATHESON,
DAVID W. HAGA.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your committee on the state of the churches, beg leave to submit the following report: (1) We rejoice in the progress that the church of God has and is making in the world for good; (2) That notwithstanding its small beginning, it has spread out in all directions, and has incrased in number, power and influence until it has become the mightiest power on earth for the moral, spiritual, and intellectual uplifting of the world. But, notwithstanding its power and influence in the world for good, we deplore the fact that in many sections of this great country of ours, and especially in many places in the bounds of our own Conference there is a spirit of indifference and worldly mindedness prevailing which is appalling. Indifference has become in many places the chief hindrance to success. It is the stumbling stone between the sinner and the Kingdom. The chief need is a mighty awakening, a new consecration and a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost. May God hasten the glad day. Amen.

J. A. PATTON.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

W. C. Matney—President.

A. Graybeal—Secretary and Treasurer.

J. L. Dennis, W. A. Patton, D. M. Matheson and J. F. Matney, Additional Trustees.

1 note dated Sept. 3, 1903, for $115, real estate security.
1 note dated Oct. 14, 1905, for $110, real estate security.
1 note given Nov. 14, 1904, for $486.
1 note dated Nov. 4, 1893, for $50, trustees' note.
1 note dated April 8, 1902, for $100, real estate security; less $20 paid.
1 note dated Nov. 15, 1893, for $24.
1 note dated Dec. 12, 1902, for $100, less $58.85 paid.
1 note dated Nov. 1, 1894, for $24.
1 note dated Aug. 1, 1895, for $50.
1 note given during the year 1907, for $50; $25 paid.
1 note dated Sept. 6, 1907, for $114.63, real estate security.
1 note dated Sept. 1, 1907, for $50.00, real estate security.
Mailed to S. A. Earnhardt during the year, $25.
Collected interest during the year, $43.95; leaving $18.95 in Treasury. Also $5.45 from Conference Stewards.

A. GRAYBEAL, Treasurer.

October 3, 1908.

COMMITTEE.

Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: W. J. Evans, President; L. D. Earnhardt, Vice-President; A. B. Dennis, Secretary; Additional members, Wm. Sellers, George Warren, J. H. Evans. Presiding ex-officio members.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we most heartily express our thanks to the people of King's Mountain for their unbounded hospitality in so generously opening their homes to the members and visitors of this Conference.

Resolved, That we record our sincere thanks for the faithful ministrations and brotherly interest, together with the practical and helpful address and inspiring sermon of the presiding officer of this session of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference, Bishop Goodsell.

Resolved, That we tender to Rev. L. J. Penley, pastor of King's Mountain charge, our thanks for his untiring efforts in looking after the comfort of the Conference.

Resolved, That we express our pleasure at the presence of Dr. Iliff of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Dr. Denton of the Board of Foreign Missions and Dr. J. J. Manker editor of the Methodist Advocate Journal. We will endeavor to do more for the interests they represent.

A. GRAYBEAL,
J. L. DENNIS,
F. A. L. CLARK,
Committee.

STATISTICS No. 1. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT. BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1908.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full M'brs	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Valae	Paid for Buildings, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property
Pond Mountain	20	191	2			3	2	10	75	2	900					
Boon	20	220	1			20	6	25	150	6	2600					
Creston	29	298	6	8		12	5	34	303	5	2685			60		
Yadkin	18	550	5	1		10	4	28	380	5	2800	1	300	350		
Loral Branch	4	207	1	4		4	6	26	324	5	3000			200		
Zion	8	460	1	1	5	16	8	50	450	8	4500	1	1000	60	20	25
Frap Hill		220			1	8	3	14	150	4	2800	1	300			
Bakersvllle	22	220	1		2	4	3	20	260	4	2500			50		
Montezuma	30	340	5	1	5	6	5	25	200	8	3500	1	700	50		
Wilkesboro		250	3	1		30	3	15	150	5	1400			10		
Jefferson	18	252	5	3	1	13	3	15	100	6	4500	1	550	64		
Total	169	3188	30	19	14	126	48	262	2542	58	31185	5	2850	844	20	25

STATISTICS NO. 1. CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1908.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Membership				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Membership	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for building, impr'v'g Churches C'h's and Par's	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.
Leicester		275	2	1	5	29	6	24	200	5	5000	1	1200	95	130	
Clyde	1	431	5		5	6	4	30	260	6	6000	2	2000	100		
Sylva		108	1			3	3	15	90	3	3500	1	400	425		13
Culberson	4	150		2	1		3	20	175	3	3000	1	750	450		
Unaka and H. Wassa M.		193	1	3	5	14	4	20	180	5	4000	1	300	100		
Fort Hembree & Terasita		151	2		3	5	4	20	195	6	4000	2	1000	50	10	
Marion	8	260	1	4		1	2	19	150	4	3000	1	700	40		
Pisgah	3	173	2	2			4	30	175	4	4000	1	1500	5	25	
Irvin																
Spartanburg	22	24			3	10										
Asheville	12	200		4	4	1	3	12	200	4	5000	1	600	150		
Waynesville		80		1			1	9	90	2	3000					
Total	50	2045	14	17	26	69	34	199	1705	42	32500	11	8470	1415	165	13

STATISTICS NO. 1. STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1908.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building, impr'v'g Churches and Parsonoges	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property	Hresent indebtedness on Church Ppoperty
Troy	6	250	2	3		4	6	37	250	6	8000			100		150
King's Mountain	25	350	4	2	3	50	4	23	300	5	5000	1	500	1000	50	300
Gladstone		250	3		4	1	3	27	180	4	2000	1	800			
Chandler	10	206		3		6	5	30	200	5	2700	1	300	25		
Daisy	15	300	2	2		15	5	30	350	5	5000	1	1000	100		
Caldwell	4	148	1	1	9	3	2	11	85	4	1000		1000		200	
Casar		348	1		25	25	4	35	185	4	4000	1				
Glass		224		2	18	1	4	22	190	4	5000	1	2500	50	50	52
Harmony	4	234	2	4	2	8	4	24	261	5	3500			566		
Greensboro	6	20					1	4	40	1	800					
Catawba		70	1		4	8	3	10	73	2	800					
Randleman		79		1	1		3	8	90	4	1000			60		
Pine Bluff		8		1						1	1200					
Total Statesville	70	2487	17	19	66	121	44	261	2204	50	40000	6	6100	1891	300	402
Total Clyde	50	2045	14	17	26	69	34	199	1705	42	32500	11	8470	1415	165	13
Total Bakersville	169	3188	30	9	14	126	48	269	2542	58	31185	5	2850	844	20	25
Grand Total	289	7720	61	55	106	316	126	729	6451	150	103685	22	17420	11710	485	430
Grand Total last year	432	7626	59	71	103	268	121	696	6593	151	98580	22	16475	8745	232	540
Increase		94	2		3	48	5	33			5105		945	2965	253	
Decrease	143			16					142	1						110

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of All Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Dept.	No. of Officers & Teachers who are Church members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept. who are Ch M'bers or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday School Converted During the Year.	Current Expenses
Pond Mountain	2	10	85	50		10			10
Boone	6	25	150	150		25			10
Creston	5	35	308	175		25		13	15
Yadkin	4	28	380	275		25		5	20
Trap Hill,	3	14	150	60		10		18	10
Zion	8	50	450	300		30		15	10
Laurel Branch	6	26	324	184		26		2	14
Bakersville									
Montezuma	5	25	200	140		20		50	36
Wilkesboro	3	15	150	100		15		20	50
Jefferson	3	15	100	75		12			80
Total	45	243	2293	1509		198		118	255

CLYDE DISTRICT.

Leicester	6	24	200	180		23	125	25	30
Clyde	4	30	260	190	5	29	200	26	50
Sylva	3	15	90	65			40	23	25
Culberson	3	20	175	125		15	100		20
Unaka H. Wassa M.	4	20	180	150		15	100	37	15
FtHembry&Terisita	4	20	195	135		17		6	23
Marion	2	19	150	100		19		4	30
Pisgah	4	30	175	150		20	75	25	
Spartanburg									
Irvin	4	12	160	100		8			10
Asheville	3	12	200	200		12	150	2	25
Waynesville	2	9	90	65		9		15	20
Total	39	211	1875	1460	5	167	790	163	248

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Troy	6	37	350	100		37		12	20
King's Mountain	4	23	300	250	2	23	200	50	42
Gladstone	3	27	180	150		20		10	40
Chandler	5	30	200	150		30		6	10
Daisy	5	30	350	280		28	225	7	25
Caldwell	2	11	85	45		11		15	5
Casar	4	35	160	120		35		20	30
Glass	4	22	190	150		21	150	20	25
Harmony	4	24	185	148		23		19	5
Greensboro	2	8	80	75					25
Randleman	3	8	90	65				2	5
Catawba Mission	3	10	73	69		10			350
Total	45	265	2243	1593	2	238	575	161	235
" Bakersville	46	243	2293	1509		198		118	255
" Clyde	39	211	1875	1460	5	167	790	153	248
Grand Total	130	179	6411	4562	7	605	1365	442	788

STATISTICS NO. 3, BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Support of P.E.		Sup. of B		Elders and Bishops Total Sup. Pastors, P.	C.Claims R'd From			Cur.Ex.	
		Claims			Receipts													
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Am't Apport'n'd	Amount Paid	Am't Apport'n'd	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church Sexton, light and fuel	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books
Laurel Branch	J. N. S. Doub	$ 125	$	$ 125	$ 89	$	$ 89	$ 35	$ 16	$ 16	$1	$1	$ 106	$ 1	$	$ 1	$ 9	$ 3
Bakersville	L. D. Osban	200		200	75		75	125	40	26			101				10	10
Zion	J. M. Heath	355	50	405	284	50	334	71	40	36	1	1	371	2		2	5	12
Jefferson	D. M. Matherson.	300	30	330	238	30	268	62	40	28	1	1	297	5		5	5	8
Creston	D. W. Haga	175		175	129		129	46	25	25	2	2	156	2		2		15
Trap Hill	J. F. Usrey	150	30	180	75	30	105	75	20	20	1	1	126	1		1		5
Wilkesboro	D. J. White	130		130	121		121	9	25	25			146					
Montezuma	A. Graybeal	300	36	336	135	36	171	165	40	29	1	1	201	2		2	20	35
Pond Mountains	T. A. Farmer	100		100	21		21	79	10	10								
Boone	T. H. Cole	175		175	150		150	25	25	18	1	1	169					
Yadkin	J. C. Richardson.	250	30	280	160	30	190	70	35	23	1	1	214	4		4		20
Totals		$2290	$176	$2436	$1477	$176	$1653	$762	$316	$256	$9	$9	$1887	$17	$	$17	$ 49	$116

STATISTICS NO. 3, CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Support of P.E.		Sup. of B			C.Claims			Cur.Ex.	
		Claims			Receipts									R'd From				
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Am't Apport'n'd	Amount Paid	Am't Apport'n'd	Amount Paid	Total Sup. Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church Sexton, light and fuel	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books
Waynesville	W. J. Evans	$ 105	$	$ 105	$ 30	$	$ 30	$ 75	$ 20	$ 16	$	$	$ 46	$ 1	$	$ 1	$ 15	$ 20
Asheville	A. L. Latham	200	50	250	190	50	240	10	28	28	1	1	269	2	2	4		
Spartanburg	J. L. Stephenson.	60		60	65		65		10	10	1	1	76	1		1	27	
Irvin	M. A.Matherson	215	45	260	202	45	247	13	32	32	1	1	280					
Terasita & Ft. Hambra	Wm. G. Weaver.	167	50	277	120	50	170	47	40	47	3	1	218	1		1	25	
Hiawasee Mission	W. E. West	140	15	155	100	10	110	45	20	23	1	1	134	2		2	5	1
Pisgah	D. C. Slagle	225	75	310	225	75	300		30	30	1	1	331					
Marion	J. L. Stephenson.	300	50	350	250	50	300	50	32	32	3	3	335	4		4	40	
Culberson	W. F. Clark	160	50	210	100	50	150	10	30	33	5	2		2		2	30	25
Sylva	W. G. Warren	160		160	100		100	60	20	14	1	1	115	1		1	15	18
Clyde	D. L. Earnhardt.	300	100	400	262	100	362	38	45	47	4	4	413	5	105	110	30	75
Leicester	A. B. Dennis	365	100	465	330	100	430	35	42	42	2	2	474	2		2		30
Total		$2397	$535	$2942	$1972	$480	$2504	$383	$349	$354	23	18	$2691	$21	107	128	$187	$169

STATISTICS NO. 3, STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Support of P.E.		Sup. of B		Total Sup. Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	Con. Claim's Rec'd. From			Cur.Ex.	
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies										
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Am't Apport'n'd	Amount Paid	Am't Apport'n'd	Amount Paid		Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church Sexton light and fuel	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books
Caldwell	F. M. Welborn	$ 100	$	$ 100	5 100	$	$ 100	$	$ 25	$ 25	$	$	$ 125	$ 2	$	$ 2	$ 1	
Casar	W. S. Moore	400	65	465	338	65	403	62	33	33			436				4	
Daisy	J. L. Dennis	300	40	340	300	40	340		45	45	2	2	387	3		3	25	
Chandler	J. H. Fine	190		190	172		172	18	30	30	1	1	203	2		2	10	
King's Mountain	L. J. Penley	300	60	360	300	60	360		20	20	1	1	381	2		2	50	40
Troy	F. A. L. Clark	300		300	250		250	50	40	38	1	1	289	4		4	10	20
Gladstone	J. B. Tucker	225	60	285	194	60	254	31	30	20	1	1	275	1		1	40	10
Glass	J. J. Matney	225	36	261	243	36	279	84	25	27	1	1	307	2		2	25	25
Greensboro	N. M. Cooper								7	7							10	8
Harmony	S. A. Earnhardt	200		200	180		180	20	28	28	1	1	209	4		4	5	10
Randleman	R. P. Brison	100		100	45		45	55	10	10			55				5	
Catawba Mission	D. A. Lanier	50		50	40		40	10	12	9			49					4
Total Statesville		$2390	$261	$2656	$2162	$261	$2418	$ 330	$305	$292	$ 8	$ 8	$2716	$20	$	$ 20	$184	$117
Total Clyde		2397	535	2942	1972	480	2504	383	349	354	23	18	2691	21	107	128	187	169
Total Bakersville		2290	176	2436	1477	176	1653	762	316	256	9	9	1887	17		17	49	116
Grand Total this year		$7077	$972	$8034	$5601	$917	$6575	$1480	$970	$902	$40	$35	$7289	$58	$107	$165	$420	$402
Grand Total last year		6404	863	8772	5645	757	6612	804	901	884	27	26	7307	71		68	393	513
Increases		$ 673	$109	$	$	$160	$	$ 676	$ 69	$ 18	$13	$ 9	$	$	$107	$ 97	$ 27	$
Decreases				738	34	1	37						18	3				111

STATISTICS NO. 4, CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDE CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																
	Missions					Bd. Ed., Freedmen's Aid S. S							W.H.M.S.				
	B.F.M.			B.H.M.			Col.F'd Aid & S.S.										
	(a) Church	(b) Sp'c'l Gifts	S. S. not Divided	(a) Church	(b) Sp'l Gifts	Ch.'s Fund, Stu. Aid	(a) Church	(b) S. S.	Total	Education	Am. Bible Soc.	Women's F.M.S.	(a) Cash	(b) Sup'l's	Tot. Ben. Col.	Gen. Con. Ex.
Clyde District—																
Waynesville	$ 4	$	$	$ 5	$	$ 2	$	$	$ 11	$	$	$	$	$	$12	$
Sylva	4			4					8				1			
Culberson	11			10					21				2		10	
Unaka — H. Mis.	6			6		1	1		14		1	1	2		3	1
Marion	20			20		2			42				1		7	
Terasita & Ft.Hem.	6			6					12						10	
Pisgah																
Irvin																
Spartanburg	3			4					7				1		10	2
Asheville	15			15					30		1		3		2	
Clyde	28	30	1	30	30	1	1	1	122	1	1	2	2	35		
Leicester	19			19					38				3			
Total	$116	$30	$ 1	$119	$30	$ 6	$ 2	$1	$305	$1	$3	$ 3	$15	$35	$54	$ 3
Statesville District																
Daisy	30			25		2	2		59	2	1	1	1			2
Chandler	5			7					12							2
Troy	12		1	8			7		28		1	1	2			1
Gladstone	4			4		1			9	1			2		4	1
King's Mountain	10			16		5			31			1	1			2
Glass	8			5		2	1		16		1		1			1
Casar	20			20			1		41			1	1			2
Caldwell	2	2		2	2				8				2			2
Harmony	8			14		2			24				2		5	2
Greensboro	1			1					2							
Pine Bluff																
Catawba Mission	2			1		1			4							
Randleman				3					3							
Total	$102	$ 2	$ 1	$116	$ 2	$13	$11	$	$237	$3	$3	$ 4	$12	$	$ 9	$16
Bakersville Dist.—																
Montezuma	6		4	5		4			19							
Wilkesboro	30			5					35			3	6	1		
Creston	20			4		2			26		1		1			1
Trap Hill	5			5					10				2		12	1
Jefferson	20	20		20	20	5	4	4	93	2	1	1	1			
Zion	30		30	20		2		1	83		1		1			2
Bakersville																
Laurel Branch	3	3		6	6				18							1
Yadkin	28			2					30				2		5	
Boone	10			2					12			2	2			
Pond Mountain	5								5			2	2			
Total	$157	$23	$34	$ 69	$26	$13	$ 4	$5	$341	$2	$3	$ 8	$17	$ 1	$17	$ 5
Total Statesville	102	2		116	2	13	11		237	3	3	4	12		9	16
Total Clyde	116	30	1	119	30	6	2	1	305	1	3	3	15	35	54	3
Grand Total	$375	$55	$35	$304	$58	$32	$17	$6	$883	$6	$9	$15	$44	$36	$80	$24
G. Total last yr.	408	25	3	336	61	47	64	11	934	12	9	12	58	5	90	54
Increases	$	$30	$32	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3	$	$31	$	$
Decreases	133			32	3	15	47	5	51	6			14		10	30

NAMES OF CHARGES	Board Foreig Mission		Sunday School Not Divide		Board H Mis And Ch Ext		Childr Fund Stud. A		Col. fo Freed Aid an S. S.		Local Educat Interes		Americ Bible Society		Woman Foreig Mission Society		Woman Home Mission Society		Confer Claima		Total C Benevo Collect		General Confer Expens		Episco Fund		TION		
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Total Cash	Total Vouchers	Total Cash and Vou's
Bakersville District																															
Bakersville	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	.....	7
Boone	10	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	.....	16
Creston	20	....	....	....	4	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	..	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	33	.....	33
Jefferson	20	....	....	....	20	....	5	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	1	....	1	....	5	....	5	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	56	6	62
Laurel Branch	3	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	11	1	12
Montezuma	5	....	4	....	5	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	22	.....	22
Pond Mountain	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	9
Trap Hill	5	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	12	.....	12
Wilkesboro	30	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	45	.....	45
Yadkin	28	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	36	.....	36
Zion	30	....	....	....	20	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	1	....	....	....	57	.....	57
Total	158	....	4	....	71	....	13	....	....	....	2	....	3	....	9	....	16	....	16	....	....	5	1	4	9	....	....	....	304	7	311
Clyde District																															
Asheville	15	....	....	..	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	..	....	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	36	.....	36
Clyde	28	....	1	....	30	....	1	....	1	....	1	....	1	....	2	....	2	....	2	....	2	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	75	.....	75
Culberson	11	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	25	19	27
Fort Hembree	6	....	..	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	5	....	....	1	....	....	....	14	5	19
Hiawasee	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Irvin	3	....	1	....	....	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	45	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	65	72
Leicester	19	....	....	....	19	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	45	.....	45
Pisgah	7	..	3	....	8	5	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	3	....	5	....	5	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	28	13	41
Sylva	4	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	11	.....	11
Spartanburg	3	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	10	.....	10
Terasita	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Unaka	6	....	....	....	6	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	21	.....	21
Marion	20	....	....	....	10	10	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	40	10	50
Waynesville	4	....	....	....	5	..	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	.....	12
Total	126	....	5	....	107	45	6	2	2	....	1	....	3	1	3	....	16	....	26	....	2	57	....	....	17	....	....	....	314	105	419
Statesville District																															
Caldwell	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	.....	6
Casar	20	....	....	....	20	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	45	.....	45
Chandler	5	....	....	....	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	17	.....	17
Catawba Mission	2	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	1	5
Daisy	30	....	....	....	25	....	2	....	2	....	2	....	1	....	1	....	1	....	2	....	....	13	4	....	2	....	....	....	72	13	85
Gladstone	4	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	12	.....	12
Glass	8	....	....	....	5	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	22	.....	22
Greensboro	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	2
Harmony	8	....	....	....	14	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	4	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	33	.....	33
King's Mountain	10	....	....	....	16	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	25	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	61	.....	61
Troy	13	....	1	....	8	....	....	....	7	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	2	....	4	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	40	.....	40
Pine Bluff	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Randleman	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	.....	3
Total	107	....	1	....	99	....	13	....	11	....	3	....	3	....	4	....	10	....	42	....	....	15	16	....	8	....	..	....	317	14	329

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1879, Jan	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck,	E. O. Thayer

CHANGED TO BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE.

1880, Jan. 28, Feb. 1	Concord,	Bishop	Simpson, W. G. Matton.
1881, Jan. 20-24	Leicester,	"	Warren, W. G. Matton.
1882, Jan. 19-23	Asheville	"	Foster, W. G. Matton.
1883, Jan. 24-29	Gastonia,	"	Merrill, W. G. Matton.
1884, Jan. 30-Feb. 4	Asheville,	"	Bowman, J. D. Roberson.
1885, Feb. 12-16	Clyde,	"	Andrews, J. D. Roberson.
1885, Oct. 1-5	Gastonia,	"	Mallalieu, W. T. Ford.
1886, Oct. 7-11	Smith's Chapel,	"	Walden, W. T. Ford.
1887 Oct. 19-23	Asheville,	"	Mallalieu, W. Q. A. Graham.
1888, Oct. 18-22	Clyde,	"	Fitzgerald, W. Q. A. Graham
1889, Oct. 17-21	Asheville,	"	Joeye, J. D. Robertson.
1889, Oct. 16-20	Clyde,	"	Joyce, J. D. Robertson.
1891, Oct. 21-25	Asheville,	"	Warren, A. Graybeal.
1892, Oct. 13-16	Poindexter,	"	Foss, A. H. Gamble.
1893, Oct. 12-16	Daisy,	"	Hurst, W. G. A. Graham.
1894, Sept 27-Oct. 1	Smith'sChapel	"	Foster, W. Q. A. Graham.
1895, Oct 9-24	Clyde,	"	Mallalieu, A, Graybeal.
1896, Sept. 24-27	Asheville,	"	Mallilieu, A. Graybeal.
1897, Oct. 20-24	Marion,	"	Goodsell, A. Graybeal.
1899, Oct. 19-22	Seward,	"	Fowler, A. Graybeal.
1900, Oct. 4-7	Clyde,	"	Canston, A. Graybeal.
1901, Oct. 24-27	Montezuma,	"	Goodsell, A. Graybeal.
1902, Oct. 23-26	Seward,	"	Walden, A. Graybeal.
1903, Oct. 7-10	Glass,	"	Joyce, A. Graybeal.
1904, Oct. 6-11	Clyde,	"	Fitzgerald, A. Graybeal.
1905, Oct. 5-8	Montezuma,	"	Fowler, A. Graybeal
1906, Oct. 4-8	Troy,	"	Bashford, A. Graybeal
1907, Oct. 23-27	Walkertown,	"	Spellmeyer, A. Graybeal.
1908, Oct. 1-4	King's Mountain,	"	Goodsell, A. Graybeal.
Sept. 30. Oct. 3,	Asheville,	"	Anderson, A. Graybeal.

Our Dead

NAME	DIED	ADMITTED	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston.
J. N. Barker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference.
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston.
D. M. Clayton	1891	1881	From N. C. Conference.
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference.
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial.
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial.
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference.
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference.
J. F. Privett	1895	1891	On trial.
A. F. English	1895	1880	From Holston.
A. H. Peeples	1897	1905	On trial.
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial.
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial.
W. G. Matton	1901	——	From N. C. Conference.
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial.
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial.
C. F. Carstevens	1907	1890	On trial.
H. D. Christenberry	1907	1884	On trial.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be:
But thine is still a blessed sleep.
From which none ever wake to weep.

MRS. MAKAY.

CONFERENCE ROLL 1909

NAME	ORDER	POSTOFFICE	WHEN ADMITTED
Bumgarner, J. L. A.	Deacon	Walkertown	1901
Clark, F. A. L.	Elder	Chandler	1884
Clark W. T.	Deacon	Blantyre	1905
Dennis J. L.	Elder	Clyde	1891
Dennis A. B.	Deacon	Troy	1906
Earnhardt S. A.	Elder	Salisbury	1892
Earnhardt D. L.	Deacon	Asheville R F D	1906
Graybeal A.	Elder	Canton	1882
Heath, J. M.	Elder	Glass	1889
Latham, A. L.	Deacon	Candler	1906
Haga D. W.	Elder	Montezuma	1905
Matney J. F.	Elder	Walkertown	1888
Matney W. C.	Elder	Leicester	1889
Martheson D. M.	Elder	Casar	1888
Martheson M. A.	Deacon	Marion	1903
Moore W. S.	Elder	Clyde	1897
Osborne D. L.	Deacon	Trade, Tenn.	1905
Patton W. A.	Elder	Lansing	1898
Penley L. J.	Elder	King's Mt.	1888
Rominger, L. A.	Elder	Bakersville	1908
Richardson	Elder	Siloam	1891
Tucker, J. B.	Elder	Statesville, R. 5	1895
Stephenson, J. L.	Elder	Montezuma	1892
Usrey, J. F.	Elder	Greensboro	1905
White, D. J.	Deacon	Talmadge	1906
Haltom, W. C.	Deacon	Misenheimer	1909

PROBATIONERS.

Johnson, A. L.	Deacon	Chattanooga	1895
Fine, J. F.	Deacon	Laurel Branch	1907
Wilson, Austin	Deacon	Harmony	1908
West, F. C.	Deacon	Culberson	1908
West W. E.	Deacon	Marshallberg	1909
Fowler J. M.	Deacon	Haysville	1909
Tharp, J. A.	Licentiate	Clifton, S. C.,	1909

SUPERNUMERARY.

Brown, A. E.	Elder	Mt. City, Tenn.,	1909
Doub, J. N. S.	Elder	Tobaccoville	1895
Sisk, J. A.	Elder	Troy	1906
Evans, W. J.	Elder	Canton	1887

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS

Rhyne, J. J. .....Elder....Eupeptic Springs 1887
Franklin, D. N.....Elder....Sylva 1888
Lanier, D. A. .....Elder....Catawba 1890
Evans, W. J. .....Elder....Alto 1879
Broyles, M. W. .....Elder....Canton. 1887

OFFICERS.

President.....Bishop W. F. Anderson, D. D, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Secretary.....A. Graybeal, Canton, N. C.
Statistical Secretary.....J. L. A. Bumgarner, Walkertown, N. C.
Treasurer.....D. W. Haga, Montezuma, N. C.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

President..... ....A. Graybeal
Registhar .....W. C. Matney
Admission .... W. C. Matney, Ch'm.; J. F. Usrey D. W. Haga
First Year.....W. S. Moore, Ch'm W. C. Matney, A. B. Dennis
Second Year..J. M. Heath, Ch'm.;J. C. Richardson, F. A. L. Clark.
Third Year..J. F. Matney, Ch.; J. L. Stephenson, D. M. Matheson.
Fourth Year.....W. A. Patton, Ch'm'n; J. L. Dennis, L. J. Penley.
Local Orders.....M. A. Matheson, S. A. Earnhardt, M. A. Matheson.

All examinations are to be held on the day preceding the session o our Annual Conference. All papers are to be prepared by Committee in each year and sent to th chairman of the Board of Examiners a reasonable time before conference convenes.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. L. Stephenson, D. S.

Bakersville.....L. A. Rominger, 1.
Boone..... .....D. J. White, 1
Creston.....L. D. Osborne, 1
Jefferson.....W. A. Patton, 1.
Laurel Branch.....J. H. Fine, 2.
Montezuma.....D. W. Haga, 1.
Pond Mountain.....Supplied by T. A. Farmer, 3
Traphill.....Supplied by W. L. White, 1
Wilkesboro.....Supplied by M. F. Bumgarner, 1
Yadkin.....J. C. Richardson, 2
Zion.....J. B. Tucker, 1.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

J. F. Matney, D. S. 3.

Caldwell.....S. A. Earnhardt, 2

Casor.....D. M. Matheson,1
Chandler.....F. A. L. Clark, 1
Clifton and Smyrna.....J. A. Tharp, 1.
Daisy.....J. L. A. Bumgarner, 2
Glass.....J. M. Heath, 1
Greensboro.....J. F. Usrey, 2
Harmony.....Austin Wilson, 2
Kings Mountain.....L. J. Penley, 1
Misenheimer.....W. C. Haltom, 1
Troy and Pine Bluff.....A. B. Dennis, 1

CLYDE DISTRICT
J. L. Dennis D. S.,2.

Asheville.....D. L. Earnhardt, 1.
Canton.....A. Graybeal, 1.
Clyde..... W. S. Moore, 1.
Culberson.....F. C. West, 1.
Haysvill.....J. M. Fowler, 1
Irwin.....W. T. Clark, 1
Leicester.....W. C. Matney, 1.
Marion .....M. A. Matheson, 2
Pisgah.....A. L. Latham, 1
Sylva.....Supplied by W. G. Warren, 4
Unaka.....To be supplied.

W. E. West left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTION

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Held in Asheville, N. C. Sept 30. Oct 3, 1909.

BISHOP ANDERSON, Presiding.
A. GRAYBEAL, Secrtary.

Post Office of Secretary, Canton N. C.

J. L. A. Bumgarner, Statistician. Postoffice of Statistician, Walkertown, N. C.

1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline? It is.

2. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences? W. C. Holtom, from Holston Conference.

3. Who have been Readmitted? None.

5. Who have been received on trial? (a) in studies of first year: John A. Thorp, Jas. M. Fowler, Wm. E. West.

6. Who have been received on trial? (a) in studies of first year. ((b in studies of second year: F. C. West, Austin Wilson, J. H. Fine, A. L. Johnson.

7. Who have been continued on trial? (a) in studies

7. Who have been discontinued? J. M. Boyd.

Elected and ordained deacons previously: D. J. White.

10. What members are in studies of third year? (a) admitted into full membership this year? D. J. White. (b) Admitted into full membership previously? W. T. Clark.

10. What members are in studies of fourth year? A B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, A. L. Lathom, J L. A. Bumgarner, L. D. Osborne, M. A. Matheson.

11. What members have completed the conference course of study? (a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: W. S. Moore, D. W. Haga

12. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? (a) As local preachers: W G. Warren, Thos. A. Farmer. (b) Under missionary rule: J. H. Fine, F. C. West, Austin Wilson, W. E. West. Jas. M. Fowler.

14. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes. This was attended to in open conference.

15. Who have been transfered, and to what conferences? D. C. Seagle, to the Holston Conference.

16. Who have died? None.

17. Who have been located at their own request? None.

18. Who have been located? None.

19. Who have withdrawn? L. W. Corbett, D. J. Miller, B. M. Jackson and J. J. Matney.

21. Who have been expelled? N. M. Cooper.

22. What other personal notation should be made? J. J Matney referred to D. S. for investigation. B. M. Jackson referred to Bakersville D. S. for investigation. The orders as elders of W. E. Maness and T. E. Maness were recognized and they received as local deacons, they coming from the Holiness Baptist church

23. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. E. Brown,J. N. S. Doub, J. A. Sisk.

24. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. J. Rhyne, W. J. Evans, D. N. Franklin, D. A. Lanier, M. W Broyles

25. Who are the triers of appeals? D. M. Matheson, F A. L. Clark, W. C Matney J F Usery, A. Graybeal.

26 What is the statistical report for this year? See report

27. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the general conference, as reported by the conference treasurer? $1228.

28. What are the claims on the conference fund? 510

29. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? 510.

30. What is the amount of the five per cent of collections for the Conference Claimants, Connectional Fund paid by the treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? Much more than 5 per cent namely $59.

31. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.

32. Where shall the next conferences be held. Canton, N. C.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY.

Asheville, N. C. Sep. 30, 1909.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its thirty-first session in Bethel Church, on the Asheville, charge, September, 30th, 1909, Bishop W. F. Anderson, D. D. presiding. The Bishop, assisted by the pastor and District Superintendents, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper..

Roll Call.—The secretary of the last session called the conference roll, and the following responded, viz: J. L. Dennis, A. B. Dennis, J. L. A. Bumgarner, S. A. Earnhardt D. L. Earnhardt, A. L. Latham, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, D. M .Matheson, W. S. Moore W. A. Patton, J. B. Tucker, J. M. Heath, J F. Usrey, L. J. Penley, D. W. Haga D. C Slagle, L. D. Osborne, J. L. Stephenson, L. A. Rominger, D. J. White, J. F. Fine, F. C. West, Austin Wilson, A. Graybeal, M. W Broyles, D. A. Lanier.

Organization.—On motion of W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal was elected secretary. J. L. A. Bumgarner was elect-

ed statistician. D. W. Haga was elected conference treasurer. To each Secretary was granted the privilege of naming his assistant. Accordingly the Secretary named W. E West. The Statistical Secretary chose A. B. Dennis, and the Treasurer named W.C. Matney.

Conference Bar.—On motion of W. A. Patton the Conference Bar was fixed so as to include the seats in front of the 3rd window.

Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.—On motion of J. L. Dennis, it was ordered that the Conference open at 8:30 a. m. and close at 12 m., the first half hour to be given to the devotional exercises. ,

F. C West was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the Methodist Review.

Bro. Alonzo Rice, a member of Bethel Church, on behalf of the citizens, delivered a very hearty address of welcome. The Bishop, on behalf of the Conference, responded in a very happy way.

Committees.—The District Superintendents made nominations for the standing committees and they were elected as follows:—

1. Public Worship.—J. L. Dennis and A. L. Latham.

2. Conference Stewards.—A. Graybeal, D. M. Matheson F. A. L. Clark, W. C. Matney and J. L. Stephenson.

3 Auditing.—D. M. Matheson and D. W. Haga.

4. Benevolences.—L. J. Penley, W. S. Moore.

5. Education—J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. C. Matney.

6. Reforms—M. A. Matheson, D. C. Slagle.

7. State of the Church.—W. A. Patton W. C. Matney, J. L. Dennis

8. Memoirs—A. Graybeal, J. L. Bumgarner, and J. L. Dennis.

9. Triers of Appeals.—D. M. Matheson, F. A. L. Clark, W. C. Matney, J. F. Usrey, A Graybeal.

10. Conference Relations.—W. A. Patton, W. C. Matney, D. M. Matheson.

11. Sunday Schools.—J. L. Stephenson, and D. M. Matheson.

12. Epworth League.—J. L. Stephenson, and D. M. Matheson.

13. Advocate Journal.—D. L. Earnhardt and Austin Wilson.

14th Question.—Was the character of each preacher examined?

Clyde District.—J. L. Dennis the superintendent was called, his character passed and he read his report of the work on the District.

Statesville District—J. F. Matney the Superintendent was called and after the passage of his character, read his report.

Bakersville District.—W. A. Patton superintendent was called, his character passed, and he read his report.

The following effective elders were called and after the passage of their character reported their benevolences:—L. A. Rominger, J. M. Heath, D. M. Matheson, W. C. Matney, S. A. Earnhardt, L. J. Penley, J. B. Tucker, J. F. Usrey, J. L. Stephenson. J. C. Richardson and F. A. L. Clark being absent their superintendents reported for them

23rd Question.—"Who are the supernumerary preachers?" On motion of W. A. Patton, A. E. Brown was continued in that relation after the passage of his character.

24th Question.—"Who are the Superanuated Preachars?" The following were continued in that relation: D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne and W. J. Evans. D. A. Lanier, and M. W. Broyles were called and each addressed the Conference. Their characters passed and they were referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of W. A. Patton a statistical session was ordered to meet at 2:30 this afternoon.

The Bishop announced that the apportionment to the Conference for the Freedman's Aid Society is $150.00. On motion of W. C. Matney the amount was ordered divided among the Districts.

D. C. Slagle was appointed to collect Book Concern accounts.

The Bishop announced that the Conference is authorized to draw on the Book Concern, for $371 and on the chartered fund for $25. Drafts were made in favor of D. W. Haga, the Conference Treasurer.

A paper concerning the support of bishops was read. The deficit of $49 was ordered opportioned among the charges that failed to raise their part of the claim, and that the whole amount of $82 be apportioned among the charges.

W. E. West was appointed to represent the Methodist Advocate Journal. The bishop read a letter from Dr. J. J. Manker, editor of the paper. The bishop urged the members to stand by the paper.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction by the bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2:30, with Bishop Anderson in the chair. The various charges were called and the pastors handed their reports to the statistical secretary and treasurer. Conference then adjourned with benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m. with Bishop Anedrson in the chair. The bishop opened the Conference with prayer and then delivered a very helpful and inspiring lecture on "Some books wsich God writes." The Conference then took up the regular business at about 9 o'clock.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

1st Question "Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirement of the discipline? "Yes

5th Question.—"Who have been received on trial?" John A. Tharp, James M. Fowler and Wm. E. West, were received on trial and placed in studies of the first year.

6th Question.—Who have been continued on trial?" F. C. West, Austin Wilson and J. H. Fine, having passed in

the studies of the 1st year and upon the recommendation of their District Superintendents, were advanced to studies of the second year and continued on trial. D. J. White was called and advanced to studies of the third year.

9th Question.—"What members are in the studies of the third year?" A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, A. L. Latham, J. L. Bumgarner, D C. Slagle, and L. D. Osborne were advanced to studies of the 4th year. W. T. Clark was continued in studies of 3rd year.

11the Question.—"What members have completed the Conference Course of study." D. W. Haga and W. S. Moore having graduated in the confernce course of study were elected to elders orders.

12th Question.—"What others have been elected and ordained deacons?" As local preachers Wm. G. Warren and Thos. A. Farmer. Under the missionary rule, J, H. Fine, F. C. West, Austin Wilson, Wm. E. West and James M Fowler.

16th Question.—" . .Who have died? was asked. None.

19th Question—"Who have withdrawn?" L. W. Corbett and D. J. Miller. B. M. Jackson and J. J. Matney were reported as having left their charges. There cases were referred to their respective superintendents for investigation. The Conference declined to return D. J. Miller's and B. M. Jackson's parchments.

23rd question was resumed. A. Graybeal was placed on the list of effective members.

25th Question—"Who are the triers of appeals?" D. M Matheson, F. A. L. Clark, J. F. Usrey, A. Graybeal and W. C .Matney.

32nd Question—"Where shall the next conference be held?" Canton, N. C.

The bishop appointed a committee for the trial of N. M. Cooper. W. A. Patton was appointed to preside. The committee consisted of the following members: W. C. Matney, J. L. Dennis, A. Graybeal, J. F. Matney, J. L. Stephenson, D. A Lanier, J. B. Tucker, J. M. Heath, J. F. Usrey, S. A. Earnhardt, L .A. Rominger. L. J. Penley was appointed as attorney for the accused and D. M. Matheson for the church.

22nd Question—"What other personal notation should be made?"

Rev. R. L. Maness and Rev. T. E. Maness coming to us from the Holiness Baptist Church, presented their credentials for recognition. Upon the recommendation of the Statesville District Conference and motion of J. F. Matney they were recongnized as local deacons.

The matter of funeral expenses of Sister T. W. Matney and Sister Christenberry was referred to the Conference Stewards. J. J. Penley was added to board of stewards.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction by the bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met according to appointment at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Anderson in the chair. After prayer by Dr. Ketchum the bishop delivered a good lecture on "God our Helper." The regular business of the Conference was then resumed.

Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

10th Question was resumed. Martin A. Matheson was called, his character passed and he was advanced to 4th year in the course of study.

23rd Question was resumed. J. N. S. Doub was called, his character passed and he was continued in the present relation.

22nd Question was resumed. M. W. Broyles and D. A. Lanier was called, their character passed and they were continued on the list of superannuates.

7th Question—"Who have been discontinued?" J. M Boyd. A. L. Jonhson was continued on trial in studies of the second year.

J. A. Sisk was continued in the supernumerary relation.

W. A. Patton made report of the committee in case of N. M. Cooper. See report which was adopted. On motion of J. L. Dennis the superintendent of the Statesville District was authorized to secure his parchments.

Dr. Brovard, vice-president of the University of Chattanooga and Athens, was introduced in the Conference.

Dr. Ketheum, pastor of First church of Knoxville, was introduced and addressed the Conference in interest of the Freedman's Aid Society.

Question 8—"Who have been admitted to full membership?" D. J. White was called. The bishop delivered a masterly address and asked the candidate the usual questions and he was admitted to full membership.

Upon motion of W. A. Patton the bishop was requested to recommend the board of bishops to fix the time of next conference session as near the last of the Month of October as possible.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction by the bishop.

Third Day—Evening Session.

Conference met pursuant to appointment at 7 p. m., with Bishop Anderson in the chair. Dr. Brovard led the Conference in prayer.

The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

A. Graybeal read the report of the Conference Stewards. Adopted. The amount of $37 from Relief Fund was voted to the Conference claimants.

D. M. Matheson read the report of Auditing Committee. Adopted.

W. C. Matney read report of Committee on Sunday Schools. Adopted.

J. L. A. Bumgarner read report of committee on memoirs. Adopted.

A committee consisting of J. F. Matney, J. L. Bumgarner and W. A. Patton, was appointed to visit Seward to look after locating a school. Miss Fisher of Ettawa School was introduced and addressed the Conference.

D. M. Matheson and others spoke concerning the community schools. W. A. Patton spoke in interest of the school at Montezuma.

The collection for education was ordered to be divided between the schools in Bakersville and Clyde districts.

L. J. Penley read the report of the committee on benevolences. Adopted.

M. A. Mattheson read the report of the committee on reforms. Adopted.

A. Graybeal read his report as treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund. A motion was made to adopt the re-

port. J. L. Dennis moved to amend by ordering the trustees to use all dilligence to collect all outstanding notes during the year and place the whole amount on interest with one person. Motion as amended adopted.. J. L. Dennis moved that a certain note of $486 be donated to the Church at Canton. Motion carried.

A motion was made by the Secretary that we require each pastor to pay $1.25 and each D. S. $3.00 toward the publication of the minutes and that the D. S. become responsible for the amount. Motion carried.

A. Graybeal and W. C. Matney were appointed to publish the minutes.

The committee on Home Missions and Church Extensions was appointed as follows: W. C. Matney, President; A. L. Latham, Vice-President; A. Graybeal, Secretary.

Additional members: J. H. Sellers, Geo. Warren, and J. H. Evans, District Superintendents members ex-officio.

At this juncture the bishop and his cabinet retired to the parsonage for their meeting and Dr. Bovard of Athens. Tenn., delivered a great lecture on the subject of education.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Bovard.

Fourth Day.

At the opening of the service the following were ordained deacons: Wm. G. Warren, T. A. Farmer, J. H. Fine, F. C West, Austin Wilson, W. E. West, Jas M. Fowler. The bishop then preached a masterly sermon from the subjject, "The Joy of Service," after which he ordained as elders W. S. Moore and D. W. Haga.

A. Graybeal read resolutions of thanks to bishop, visiting brethren and citizens.

J. L. A. Bumgarner read statistical report and D. W. Haga the Treasurer's report.

S. G. Doub, J. M. Long, C. R. Harris, and C. W. Smith were added to the committee on location of schools

The bishop then read the appointments and the Conference adjourned sine die.

Reports

Report of Committee on the Epworth League.

We again express our gratitude for the Epworth League, that has trained millions of our members, contributed a multitude of efficient young men to our official boards, thousands more to our ministry and an army of our best young men and women to the mission fields and other forms of special service.

We welcome the provision of the last General Conference for official statistics showing the strength and progress of this impoortant movement, and congratulate the church that the reports thus far published indicate the splendid fact that it is organized nearly to its practicable limit.

We are grateful for the enlarging scope of League's activities, demonstrating that the League is not a mere substitute for a young people's class meeting, but for more—an institution of the church with a broad and important mission, to win, to save and to train our young people for Jesus Christ, for its accomplishment in adding the large resources of the young people to the existing resources of the church, while bringing them to their best possibilities through this exercise of their talents. We urge our pastors to give greater personal attention to this organization of and for our youth.

Since the League perform a most important service of the church, which the church itself could well afford to support, and which the church reasonably might supportin behalf of its young people, we hereby voice the gratitude of the church to our young people for their generous loyalty in assuming the support of its administrative work, and as pastors we will encourage our young people to meet in full their obligations to the Central Office.

We congratulate the Epworth League upon its new song book, for its high quality, its adaptation to the needs of the League and to all forms ofsoc ial and evangelical services. We commend the introduction and use of this and all other forms of League literature as strengthening the spirit and efficiency of the League and improving its general interests by the use of the profits accruing.

We heartily commend the institutes that, under the management of the Central Office, within three years have spread from the Central to the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, as containing the promise of new life to the Epworth League and the church. We urge our chapters to generously co-operate with the Central Office in the extension of this movement, and to be as well represented as possible at any institute held at an accessible point.

We note with pleasure the success of another International Con.

vention. Its attendance of 6,000 at such a remote location is a gratifying indication of undiminished enterprise in the League. The results of the superior program and abounding enthusiasm cannot fail to reach the entire church through so representative an attendance, while imparting an invaluable impetus to our Methodism in the great and growing empire of the Pacific slope.

Finally, we urge the adult members of our churches to unite with the pastor in fostering, encouraging and supporting the League in every way as a method for reaching and saving and providing Christian training for our young people; that in every charge a policy be pursued that shall gather the young people into its membership, employ them in its activities, and train and promote them to leadership in a manner to sustain their interest, win them to a Christian life, and develop them in Christian character and service. We urge the establshment wherever practical of botn senior and junior chapters. We commend the courses of training and methods of work constantly being developed at the Central office for better achieving the purposes of the League, and urge our pastors and young people to acquaint themselves with these methods, and ever keep our local organizations up to the most advanced ideals of efficiency.

J. F. MATNEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Your committe on Sunday School recommend.

1. That we as a conference promise our hearty co-operation with the forward movement of the General Conference in setting apart the work of the Sunday Schools by cheating the Board of Sunday Schools for aggressive Sunday School work.

2. That we pledge our strongest efforts to have all our Sunday Schools organized as Missionary Sunday Schools.

3. Your committeee would call attention to the action of the General Conference requiring the presentation of the work of the Sunday Schools to each charge once each year, and the taking of a collection for the Board of Sunday Schools.

4. In accord with the action of the Board of Sunday Schools, we would recommend the organization of a Conference Board of Sundoy Schools. The members of this Board to be appointed by the District Superintendents in accord with the action of the General Conference Board.

J. L. STEPHENSON,
W. C. MATNEY,
D. M. MATHESON.
Committee

REPORT

Your Auditing Committe beg leave to submit the following report.

We have examined and compared the receipts of all the District Superintendents and find them all correct.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. MATHESON.
D. W. HAGA.
Committee.

Resolved, That we the members of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference express our pleasure at the presence and presidency of Bishop Anderson. We have greatly enjoyed his splendid lectures and his masterly and helpful sermon. We will be delighted to have him with us at any of our sessions, also at any time between sessions.

We have also been delighted by the presence and lectures of Dr. Core, who lectured on Missions, Dr. Ketchum who lectured on the subject of Conference Claimants and Dr. Bovard, who represents the University of Chattanooga at Athens. We greatly enjoyed Dr. Bovard's lecture and exhorts our young people to turn their eyes toward that school.

We thank the citizens for the very kind and hospitable way in which they have entertained the Conference. Also the pastor for his kindness and untiring efforts in looking after our comfort.

A. GRAYBEAL.

We, the committe in case of N. M. Cooper, find the charges sustained and recommend that he be expelled from the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

W. A. PATTON, Chairman.
A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

Committee,
J. L. STEPHENSON,
M. W. BROYLES,
L. A. ROMINGER,
J. N. HEATH,
J. B. TUCKER,
W. C. MATNEY,
D. A LANIER,
J. F. MATNEY,
S. A. EARNHARDT,
J. F. USREY,
A. GRAYBEAL.

Education and Christianity are co-operative if not co-ordinate forces in civilizing and enlightening the world. The huge tasks of the twentieth century demand the preparation which a Christian education alone can give.

The children of today must not only live but retrieve many things which have been lost. Wealth, opportunity and life itself depend upon knowledge of men and affairs.

The best succes is inseparable with sane and persistent thinking along a desired line. Education is a light revealing error. like the electric light it illumines the dark corners where the dark deeds of evil have formerly permeated society.

To this task our district schools have addressed themselves with varied results, so fah as permanence is concerned but the moral and religious influence is unmistakable. The Montezuma school recognized as the conference school has been a great factor in the life of the community inwhich ithas been located.

We appreciate more the valuable work of the Chattanooga University especially the Athens department.

All have helped very materially and will help more with a fuller appreciation and a more substantial support, be it therefore resolved:

That we heartily endorse and loyally support these institutions and

That due attention be paid to creating a desire for education among our young people of the Blue Ridge Conference.

J. L. A. BUMGARNER.
W. C. MATNEY.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Receipts from Book Concern	$371.00
Receipts from Chartered Fund	25.00
Receipts from Collections	76.00
From Conference Relief Fund	37.00
Balance From last year	1.45
Total	$510.45

Disbursed as follows:

D. N. Franklin,	$95.00
Mrs. A. J. Johnson,	40.00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	40.00
J. J. Rhyne	20.00
Mrs. Edwin Anderson	20.00
Mrs. J. H. Romigner	10.00
Mrs C. F. Casstevens	70.00

W. J. Evans..... 30.00
D. A. Lanier..... 75.00
J. F. Matney (burial expenses of Mrs. T. W. Matney)..... 75.00
Heirs of Mrs. H. D. Christenberry, L. J. Penley..... 35.00
Balance on hand 45 cent.

Total 510.00

We, the Conference Board of Stewards, recommend that this conference raise during the coming year at least $150.00 for our claimants, that this amount be apportioned equally among the districts, and that each D. S. apportion the amount expected from his district, among the pastoral charges.

A. GRAYBEAL, Chairman
D. M. MATHESON,
J. L. STEPHENSON
L. J. PENLEY,
W. C. MATNEY.

We the committee on benevolence do recommend and earnestly insist that each pastor in Blue Ridge Conference be asked to put forth an untiring effort to raise the full amount apportioned his charge for the various benevolent causes of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
L. J. PENLEY,
W. S. MOORE.

"REFORMS."

Sabbath was made for man; for man's benefit; to exact, to live, to preserve, not to enslave.

It is a shame and an act of oppression to take it from him. It is a matter of extortion to take from the poor man the day that, properly observed, keeps him from exhaustion and decay, in order that his employee may get the last drop of this life's service.

The heathen world does that, and in the heathen world it is Lord and slave. God's legislation, Bible legislation, is calculated to make men free and equal, the opposite of lord and slave.

Whereas, the most recent statistics show that man is longer lived, more effective, more intelligent and more moral under a six day system of toil, and,

Whereas, the quite, thoughtful type of Sunday has been from the first a characteristic of an American life, law and history and whereas, there is a growing tendency to utilize Sunady for various sorts of business and for noisy sports.

We, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference do hereby

enter our protest against this tendency, and insist that nothing but works of real necessity and mercy should be allowed on Sunday.

We pledge ourselves as loyal to the principles of our civilization and to the best interests of our fellowmen.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. MATHESON
D. C. SLAGLE
Committee

Mrs. T. W. Matney was born in Wilkes county in the year 1833, July 23. She was united in marriage with Rev. Thomas Matney in the year 1850. Converted in early life. She was the mother of eight sons and two daughters. Six of these sons have served in the Methodist Episcopal church. Her husband was one the pioneers of the Blue Ridge Conference. Two of her sons are with us, one in the Holston Confehence, one in a Western Conference and two are dead.

Grand-Mother Matney was indeed a mother in Methodism, always cheerful and kind, it was her chief ambition to see us succeed. She has lived a life of self-sacrifice, even in her sickness urging her son, our beloved D. S. to go when it seemed she could not live.

She was a fearless Methodist. We can never forget the expression of her wrinkled face beaming with a zeal born of faith as she exhorted us to fear the face of man never,

In her last illness she gave every evidence of a faith of which her life was so unshaken in the severest suffering. It was with her as the true maxim of a Methodist dying in the early days. She died well.

She leaves us a heritage of character. She leaves us an example to emulate. She leaves us an ideal worth striving to attain. We will miss her. Her place cannot be filled. Her faith and prayers linger—with her face smiling a welcome not far away.

A. GRAYBEAL,
J. L. A. BUMGARNER,
J. L. DENNIS.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

W. C. Matney—President.

A. Graybeal—Secretary and Treasurer.

J. L. Dennis, W. A. Patton, D. M. Matheson, J. F. Matney additional trustees.

I note given Sept. 3, 1903, for $115 real estate security. $75.00 paid.

1 note given Aug. 2nd, 1905, for 50.00.
1 note given July 8, 1907, for $50.00 less $11.50.
1 note given Dec 12, 1892, for $100.00, less $50.00 paid.
1 Note dated March 21, 1907 for $50.00 real estat security.
1 note given Nov. 1, 1894, for $28.00.
1 note given April 8, 1902 for $100.00 less $38.95 paid.
1 note given Nov. 1. 1893 for $24.00.
1 note given Nov. 4, 1893, for $50.00.
1 note given Sept. 6,1907 for $114.63, real estate security.
Voted to claimants $37.00.
1 note given Nov. 14, 1904 for $486.00.
Balance on hand $95.70.

A. GRAYBEAL, treasurer.

STATISTICS No. 1. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1909.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Buildings, improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property	Present indebtedness on Church Property
Laural Branch	8	212	1	2	..	11	5	20	250	6	4000	..	....	1000	....	..
Wilkesboro	..	263	2	2	..	12	3	12	200	5	2500	..	....	600	....	..
Pond Mountain	20	151	2	2	..	8	1	6	75	2	900	..	....	50	....	..
Boone	20	220	1	..	..	20	6	25	150	6	2600	..	....	....	....	..
Creston	27	302	6	3	..	18	4	33	323	5	2750	..	....	75	....	..
Trap Hill	..	256	..	..	1	24	3	14	150	4	2800	1	300	....	....	..
Zion	12	460	2	2	..	7	8	50	475	8	4500	1	1000	30	15	..
Montezuma	30	340	4	..	..	..	5	25	200	8	3500	1	700	....	....	..
Bakersville	11	275	2	2	..	23	4	24	240	6	4000	..	....	225	....	56
Jefferson	26	252	5	..	..	..	4	17	150	6	5000	1	500	600	....	..
Yadkin	..	406	5	3	..	45	4	28	375	5	2800	1	500	25	....	..
Total	154	3137	30	16	1	168	47	244	2588	61	35350	5	3000	2605	15	56

STATISTICS No. 1. CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1909.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Buildings, improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property	Present indebtedness on Church Property
Sylva	4	125	1	1	..	3	2	6	95	3	3000	1	200	65	....	68
Pisgah*	10	180	2	3	2	3	4	32	215	4	4800	1	1600	800	....	..
Spartanburg	20	35	..	3	2	..	1	4	35	..	....	..	....	....	....	..
Clyde & Waynesville	4	568	3	4	6	42	6	37	419	9	8000	2	2000	1200	....	1500
Fort Hembree	..	153	1	2	5	..	4	20	195	6	4200	2	1200	300	....	..
Irvin	2	146	2	1	..	..	1	4	30	5	2500	1	250	800	200	200
Asheville	..	200	1	2	4	7	4	14	100	4	5000	1	600	200	....	..
Unaka	..	195	2	1	..	..	2	6	50	4	3000	1	300	....	....	..
Culberson	..	175	..	..	..	13	3	12	90	4	4500	1	750	250	....	..
Leicester	..	300	1	3	3	4	6	30	220	6	8000	1	1500	500	....	125
Marion	..	226	1	3	..	2	3	15	150	4	4500	1	700	2500	....	600
Total	40	2302	10	23	22	74	36	180	1599	49	42500	12	9100	6615	200	2539

*Epworth Leagues. No. of Senior Chapters, 2; No. of Members, 60.

STATISTICS No. 1. STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1909.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Buildings, improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property	Present indebtedness on Church Property
Greensboro	..	70	1	3	..	18	2	10	75	4	1800	..	....	75	....	..
Harmony	4	243	2	4	..	56	4	16	225	4	3000	1	500	550	....	..
King's Mountain	10	302	3	3	9	11	3	21	245	5	5000	1	500	....	....	300
Troy and Pine Bluff	5	275	2	5	1	6	6	40	250	7	8900	..	....	25	46	40
Chandler	3	185	..	1	1	2	4	20	150	5	2800	1	300	75	....	..
Gladstone	..	250	4	2	4	6	2	20	225	3	1800	1	500	....	....	..
Daisy	20	318	2	1	2	20	5	30	300	5	5000	1	1000	80	....	..
Glass	12	200	2	1	11	8	4	20	160	4	5000	1	2500	25	56	..
Caldwell	3	174	2	4	6	2	4	20	140	5	2400	..	....	100	....	..
Casar	12	385	..	4	20	20	5	30	250	5	4300	1	600	300	....	..
Total	69	2402	18	28	54	99	39	229	2020	47	46000	7	5900	1230	102	340
Total, Clyde	40	2302	10	23	22	74	36	180	1599	49	42500	12	9100	6615	200	2539
Total, Bakersville	154	3137	30	16	1	168	47	244	2588	61	35350	5	3000	2605	15	56
Grand Total	263	7841	58	67	77	341	122	653	6207	157	117850	24	18000	10450	317	2935
Grand Total last year	289	7720	61	55	106	316	126	729	6451	150	103685	22	17420	11710	485	430
Gain	..	121	..	12	..	25	..	..	..	7	14165	2	580	....	....	2505
Loss	26	..	3	..	29	..	4	76	244	..	....	..	....	$1260	68	..

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Number of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of All Grades	Average Attendance	No. of Members in the Home Dept.	No. offic'rs & teach'rs who are ch. m'bers or Probat'rs	No. Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept, who are Ch. M'brs. or Probationers	No. M'brs of S. S. Converted During the Year	Current Expenses	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools
Laural Branch	5	$20	$250	$200	..	$20	....	$36	$5	..	..
Wilkesboro	3	12	200	150	..	10	....	10	..	..	..
Pond Mountain	1	6	75	50	..	6	20	15	2	..	..
Boone	6	25	150	150	..	25	....	13	10	..	..
Creston	4	33	323	138	..	25	100	31	13	..	2
Trap Hill	3	14	150	65	..	10	..	36	10	..	..
Zion	8	50	475	350	..	30	....	10	15	1	..
Montezuma	5	25	200	140	..	20	....	..	36	..	..
Bakersville	4	24	240	175	..	23	....	36	24	..	..
Jefferson	4	17	150	100	13	14	....	..	12	..	..
Yadkin	4	28	375	275	..	25	....	35	25	..	..
Total	$47	$254	$2588	$1793	$13	$208	$120	$222	$152	$1	$2

CLYDE DISTRICT

Sylva	$2	$6	$95	$45	..	$4	....	$15	$12	..	..
Pisgah	4	32	215	165	..	28	120	15	32	1	..
Spartanburg	1	4	65	40	..	4	35	8	18	..	..
Clyde & Waynesville	6	37	419	256	..	34	....	75	77	5	1
Fort Hembree	4	20	195	135	..	20	100	..	12	..	..
Irvin	1	4	30	20	..	3	18	..	1	..	..
Asheville	4	14	200	140	..	..	....	..	..	..	..
Unaka	2	6	50	40	..	..	....	..	5	..	..
Culberson	3	12	90	70	..	..	....	..	..	..	..
Leicester	6	30	220	180	..	28	....	7	30	..	..
Marion	3	15	150	100	..	15	....	..	15	1	1
Total	$36	$180	$1729	$1191	..	$136	$273	$120	$202	$7	$2

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Greensboro	$4	$10	$95	$70	..	$10	....	$50	$5	..	$5
Harmony	4	16	225	175	..	16	....	7	25	..	..
King's Mountain	3	21	245	180	..	21	140	28	35	..	..
Troy & Pine Bluff	6	40	250	200	..	40	40	..	25	..	..
Chandler	4	20	150	100	..	15	75	..	15	..	1
Gladstone	2	20	210	150	..	15	150	35	15	1	..
Daisy	5	30	300	150	..	28	225	45	25	..	14
Glass	4	20	140	120	..	20	140	5	20	1	1
Caldwell	4	20	140	110	..	17	....	6	4	..	..
Casar	5	30	250	190	..	11	....	14	53	..	..
Total	$41	$227	$2005	$1445	..	$193	$770	$190	$222	$2	$21
Total, Clyde	36	180	1729	1191	..	136	273	120	202	7	2
Total, Bakersville	47	254	2588	1793	13	208	120	222	152	1	2
Grand Total	$124	$661	$6322	$4229	13	$537	$1163	$532	$576	$10	$25
Last yr. Grand Total	130	679	6411	4562	7	605	1365	442	738	..	..
Gain	$6	..	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	..	..
Loss	6	18	89	333	..	68	202	101	162	..	..

STATISTICS No. 3. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1909.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Support of Conference Claimants, Amt. Paid	Sup. of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Conference Claimants, Dist. Supts. and Bishops	*Current Expenses*		
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS			Deficiencies		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Church: Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Sunday Schools: Les'n L'vs, B'ks, &c.	Total
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total										
Laural Branch	Jas. H. Fine	$200	$24	$224	$200	$24	$224		$3	$16	$18	$2	$2	$247	$2	$3	$5
Wilkesboro	D. J. White	130	....	130	114	....	114	$16	..	28	25	1	1	140	..	..	..
Pond Mountain	T. A. Farmer	55	....	55	39	....	39	16	..	10	10	..	..	49	..	..	..
Boone	T. H. Cole	175	....	175	175	....	175	..	..	..	..	..	..	175	..	..	..
Creston	D. W. Haga	175	....	175	112	....	112	63	7	25	25	2	2	146	..	..	..
Trap Hill	W. L. White	150	30	180	66	30	96	84	..	20	20	..	..	116	..	..	..
Zion	J. M. Heath	350	50	400	280	50	330	70	..	40	34	1	1	365	..	..	..
Montezuma	W. C. Franklin	400	36	436	250	36	286	150	4	40	40	1	1	331	..	20	20
Bakersville	L. D. Osborn	200	....	200	120	....	120	80	..	40	39	1	1	160	20	24	44
Jefferson	L. A. Rominger	300	30	330	270	30	300	30	3	40	25	1	1	329	..	12	12
Yadkin	J. C. Richardson	230	30	260	185	30	215	45	5	31	31	2	2	253	25	..	25
Totals		$2365	$260	$2565	$1811	$200	$2011	$554	$22	$290	$267	$11	$11	$2311	$47	$59	$106

STATISTICS No. 3. CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1909.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Support of Conference Claimants, Amt. Paid	Sup. of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Conference Claimants, Dist. Supts. and Bishops	*Current Expenses*		
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS			Deficiencies		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Church: Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Sunday Schools: Less L vs. Bks. &c.	Total
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total										
Sylva	W. G. Warren	$120	$30	$150	$90	$30	$120	$30	$1	$20	$20	..	..	$141	$6	$6	$12
Pisgah	W. C. Matney	255	75	330	255	75	330	..	8	32	32	$2	$2	378	30	32	62
Spartanburg	W. C. Matney	65	....	65	65	....	65	..	1	10	10	1	1	77	20	18	38
Clyde & Waynesville	D. L. Earnhardt	415	100	515	420	100	520	*5	7	65	70	5	5	602	25	52	77
Fort Hembree	W. T. Clarke	170	80	250	160	80	240	10	1	45	45	1	1	287	15	16	31
Irvin	D. C. Slagle	215	18	233	113	18	121	112	5	32	34	1	1	161	..	1	1
Asheville	A. L. Latham	200	50	250	194	50	244	6	2	30	30	1	1	277	..	..	..
Unaka	F. C. West	85	18	103	28	18	46	57	..	25	25	1	1	72	..	..	..
Culberson	F. C. West	130	50	180	180	50	230	*50	..	30	30	1	1	261	5	10	15
Leicester	A. B. Dennis	325	100	425	325	100	425	..	2	36	36	1	1	464	25	30	55
Marion	M. A. Matheson	275	15	300	256	25	281	19	5	32	32	1	1	319	2	10	12
Totals		$2255	$546	$2801	$2076	$546	$2622	$234	$32	$357	$364	$15	$15	$3033	$128	$175	$303

*Gain

STATISTICS No. 3. STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1909.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Support of Conference Claimants, Amt. Paid	Sup. of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Conference Claimants, Dist. Supts. and Bishops	*Current Expenses*		
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS			Deficiencies		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Church: Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Sunday Schools: Les'n L'vs, Bks, &c.	Total
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total										
Greensboro	J. F. Usrey	85	....	85	85	....	85	..	2	18	15	..	..	102	..	5	5
Harmony	Austin Wilson	240	....	240	180	....	180	60	..	35	32	1	1	213	..	25	25
King's Mountain	J. L. Stephenson	400	60	460	400	60	460	..	3	32	36	1	1	500	45	35	80
Troy and Pine Bluff	F. A. L. Clarke	300	....	300	311	....	311	*11	6	45	50	1	1	368	5	25	30
Chandler	D. M. Matheson	205	30	235	177	30	207	28	5	32	32	1	1	245	2	15	17
Gladstone	J. B. Tucker	195	50	245	140	50	190	55	2	32	29	1	1	222	10	..	10
Daisy	J.L.A. Bumgarner	300	40	340	300	40	340	..	20	50	50	4	4	414	25	25	50
Glass	L. J. Penley	236	36	272	240	36	276	*4	5	28	28	1	1	310	15	..	15
Caldwell	S. A. Earnhardt	150	....	150	121	....	121	29	3	25	21	1	1	146	6	4	10
Casar	W. S. More	400	60	460	372	60	432	28	5	34	31	2	2	470	2	53	55
Total, Statesville		$2511	$276	$2787	$2326	$276	$2602	$200	$51	$331	$324	$13	$13	$2990	$110	$187	$297
Total, Clyde		2255	546	2801	2076	546	2622	234	32	357	364	15	15	3033	128	175	303
Total, Bakersville		1365	200	2565	1811	200	2011	554	22	290	267	11	11	2311	47	59	106
Grand Total		$7131	$1022	$8153	$6213	$1022	$7235	†988	$105	$978	$955	$39	$39	$8334	$285	$421	$706
Last year's Grand Total		7077	972	8034	5601	917	6575	1480	165	970	902	40	35	7289	420	402	822
Gain		$54	$50	$119	$612	$105	$660	..	..	$8	$53	..	$4	$1045	..	$19	..
Loss		....	....	....	....	....	....	492	60	..	..	$1	..	....	..	35	$116

*Gain. †70 gain.

NAMES OF CHARGES	MISSIONS				EDUCATION				B'rd Con. Clm's																						RECAPITULATION			
	Board of Foreign Missions		Board of H Mis'ns And Ch Extn.		General Educ't'n	Child'ns Fund		Board of S. S.	Connect'l Fund		Perma-nent Fund		Freedmen's Aid Society		American Bible Society		Woman's F. M. Society		Woman's H. M. Society		Local Educational Interests		Support Conference Clm's		General Conference Expenses		Cent. off. Ex-Epworth Lg.		Episcopal Fund					
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash		Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash		Voucher	Cash	Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash		Cash		Cash	Cash	Total Cash	Total Vouchers	Total Cash & Vouch'rs
Bakersville District																																		
Bakersville	2		12						3								1	4									1	23		23
Boone	5		7																								1	14		14
Creston	18		25		2	4		2	2	1				1			1	5			1						2	72		72
Jefferson	15		20					1	1								1	5			7	2					1	47		47
Laurel Branch	5		20					1			2			1			1	1			3	1					2	33	2	35
Montezuma	2		10						2												2						1	17		17
Pond Mountain			5																		1						1	7		7
Traphill	5		20		1				1												3						1	31		31
Wilkesboro			5															5			1						1	12		12
Yadkin	1		15								5							2									2	20	5	25
Zion	6		30		2			1			3			1				1			3							44	3	47
Totals	$59		$169		$5	$4		$5	$9	$1	$10		$3		$4		$23				$22	$3					$13	$320	$10	$330
Clyde District																																		
Asheville	$10		$15						$7									2			$1						$1	$36		$36
Clyde & Waynesville	20		60		$1	$1		$1	1	1	1		5	1			1	1	2			4	1				5	105		105
Culberson	1		8																								1	10		10
Fort Hembree & Teresita	5		5																		1						1	12		12
Greenville Mission																																		
Unaka and Hiawassee			2																								1	3		3
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Leicester	12		24		2				2																		1	41		41
Marion	10	80		20	5			2	1				1					2		45	4						1	26	145	171
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Spartanburg	6		6					1										1			1						1	15		15
Sylva	5			8																	1							7	8	15
Totals	$74	$105	$127	$58	$8	$4		$5	$13	$2		$5	$4		$2	$9	$2	$45	$22	$1		$1	$15	$294	$208	$502
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Daisy	20		10	25			14				10										4						1	50		50
Gladstone	1		4		1	1		1	1									1			10	2					4	46	49	95
Glass	15		10	10	1	1				5		1	1		1	1	1				2	1					1	14		14
Greensboro	3		4																								3	40	10	50
Harmony	13		18															1			2							9		9
King's Mountain	5			20		5			2									1			2						1	35		35
Troy and Pine Bluff	11		16										1		1		1	1	8		3						1	17	20	37
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Grand Total, This Year	$227	$105	$410	$113	$18	$16	$14	$11	$31	$8	$20	$6	$10		$10	$43	$11	$45	$76	$9		$2	$43	$931	$297	1228
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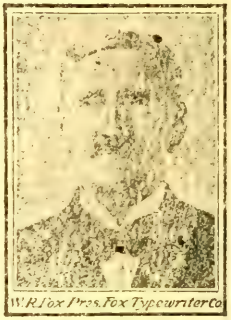

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Our Dead

NAME	DIED	ADMITTED	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1880	From Holston
J. N. Barker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston
D. M. Clayton	1891	I881	From N. C. Conference
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trail
S. D. Tipton	1893	1890	On trial
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference
J. F. Privett	1895	1891	On trial
A. F. English	1895	1880	From Holston
A. H. Peeples	1897	1905	On trial
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial
W. G. Matton	1901	-----	From N. C. Conference
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial
C. F. Casstevens	1907	1890	On trial
H. D. Christenberry	1907	1884	On trial

Asleep in Jesus ! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

MRS. MAKAY.

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

Southern Central Conference

DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1879, Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck	E. O. Thayer

Changed to Blue Ridge Conference

1880, Jan. 28, Feb. 1	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton
1881, Jan. 20-24	Leicester,	"	Warren, W. G. Matton
1882, Jan. 19-23	Asheville,	"	Foster, W. G. Matton
1883, Jan. 24-28	Gastonia,	"	Merrill, W. G. Matton
1884, Jan. 30-Feb. 4	Asheville,	"	Bowman, J. D. Roberson
1885, Feb. 12-16	Clyde,	"	Andrews, J. D. Roberson
1886, Oct. 1-	Gastonia,	"	Mallalieu, W. T. Ford
1887, Oct. 7-11	Smith's Chapel,	"	Walden, W. T. Ford
1887, Oct. 19-23	Asheville,	"	Mallalieu, W. Q. A. Graham
1888, Oct. 18-22	Clyde,	"	Fitzgerald, W. Q. A. Graham
1889, Oct. 17-21	Asheville,	"	Joyce, J. D. Robertson
1890, Oct. 16-20	Clyde,	"	Joyce, J. D. Robertson
1891, Oct. 21-25	Asheville,	"	Warren, A. Graybeal
1892, Oct. 13-16	Poindexter,	"	Foss, A. H. Gamble
1893, Oct. 12-16	Daisy,	"	Hurst, W. Q. A. Graham
1894, Sept. 27-Oct. 1	Smith's Chapel,	"	Foster, W. Q. A. Graham
1895, Oct. 19-24	Clyde,	"	Mallalieu, A. Graybeal
1896, Sept. 24-27	Asheville,	"	Mallalieu, A. Graybeal
1897, Oct. 20-24	Marion,	"	Goodsell, A. Grabeal
1899, Oct. 19-22	Seward,	"	Fowler, A. Graybeal
1900, Oct. 4-7	Clyde,	"	Canston, A. Graybeal
1901, Oct. 24-27	Montezuma,	"	Goodsell, A. Graybeal
1902, Oct. 23-26	Seward,	"	Walden, A. Graybeal
1903, Oct. 7-10	Glass,	"	Joyce, A Graybeal
1904, Oct. 6-11	Clyde,	"	Fitzgerald, A. Graybeal
1905, Oct. 5-8	Montezuma,	"	Fowler, A. Graybeal
1906, Oct. 4-8	Troy,	"	Bashford, A. Graybeal
1907, Oct. 23-27	Walkertown,	"	Spellmeyer, A. Graybeal
1908, Oct. 1-4	King's Mountain,	"	Goodsell, A. Graybeal
1909, Sept. 30-Oct. 3	Asheville,	"	Anderson, A. Graybeal
1910, Oct. 7-9	Canton,	"	Anderson, A. Graybeal

CONFERENCE ROLL 1910

NAME	ORDER	POSTOFFICE	WHEN ADMITTED
Bumgarner, J. L. A	Elder	Chattanooga	1901
Bailey, D. D.	Elder	Walkertown	1910
Clark, F. A. L.	Elder	Misenheimer	1884
Clark, W. T.	Deacon	Candler	1905
Dennis, J. L.	Elder	Troy	1891
Earnhardt, D. L.	Elder	Asheville, R F D	1906
Earnhardt, S. A.	Elder	Salisbury	1892
Graybeal, A.	Elder	Canton	1882
Heath, J. M.	Elder	Kanapolis	1889
Latham, A. L.	Deacon	Candler, R F D	1906
Haga, D. W.	Elder	Millers Creek	1905
Matney, J. F.	Elder	Walkertown	1888
Matney, W. C.	Elder	Leicester	1889
Matheson, D. M.	Elder	Casar	1888
Matheson, M. A.	Elder	Ettowah	1903
Moore, W. S.	Elder	Clyde	1897
Patton, W. A.	Elder	Clyde	1897
Penley, L. J.	Elder	Marion	1888
Stephenson, J. L.	Elder	Traphill	1892
Tucker, J. B.	Elder	Statesville, R F D 5	1895
Usrey, J. F.	Elder	Climax	1905
White, D. J.	Deacon	New Castle	1906
Wilson, Austin	Deacon	Harmony	1908
Jackson, B. M.	Elder	Gastonia	1908

PROBATIONERS

Fine, J. F.	Deacon	Arrat	1907
West, F. C.	Deacon	Culberson	1908
Fowler, J. M.	Deacon	Hayesville	1909
Tharp, J. A.	Deacon		1909
Matney, J. J.		Toecone	
Maness, R. L.	Licentiate	Traphill	1910
Eller, T. H.	Licentiate	Traphill	1910
Haga, K. L.	Licentiate	Traphill	1920
Warren, W. G.	Licentiate	Matney	1910
Pless, W. H.	Deacon	Twasita	1910
Mendenhall, C. G.		Green Mt.	1910

SUPERNUMERARY

Brown, A. E.	Mt. City, Tenn.	1906
Osborne, L. D.	Trade, Tenn.	1905

SUPERANNUATES

Franklin, D. N.	Elder	Canton	1888
Rhyne, J. J.	Elder	Eupeptic Springs	1887
Evans, W. J.	Elder	Canton	1889
Broyles, M. W.	Elder	Alto	1887
Lanier, D. A.	Elder	Catawba	1890
Doub, J. N. S.	Elder		1895

OFFICERS

President	Bishop W. F. Anderson, Chattanooga
Secretary	A. Graybeal, Canton, N. C.
Statistical Secretary	J. L. A. Bumgarner
Treasurer	D. W. Haga

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

President	A. Graybeal
Registrar	W. C. Matney
Admission	W. C. Matney, D. W. Haga, J. M. Heath
First Year	W. S. Moore, D. L. Earnhardt, J. L. A. Bumgarner
Second Year	Austin Wilson, M. A. Matheson, B. M. Jackson
Third Year	J. F. Matney, J. L. Stephenson, D. M. Matheson
Fourth Year	W. A. Patton, J. L. Dennis, L. J. Peney
Local Orders	A. L. Latham, S. A. Earnhardt, J. B. Tucker

All examinations are to be held on the day preceding the session of our Annual Conference. All papers are to be prepared by Committee in each year and sent to the chairman of the Board of Examiners a reasonable time before conference convenes.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

TRAPHILL DISTRICT

J. L. Stephens, D. S., Traphill, N. C.

Arrat	J. H. Fine
Bakersville,	J. J. Matney
Boone	G. W. Warren
Creston	To be supplied
Elkin	R. L. Maness
Green Mt.	C. G. Mendenhall
Laurel Branch	K. L. Haga
Lansing	To be supplied
Montezuma	To be supplied
Pond Mountain	To be supplied
Traphill	T. H. Eller
Wilkesboro	D. W. Haga
Yadkin	D. J. White

Zion ..... J. B. Tucker
Roaring River ..... Supplied by J. N. S. Doub

CLYDE DISTRICT

W. A. Patton, Canton, N. C.

Asheville ..... D. L. Earnhardt
Canton ..... A. Graybeal
Clyde ..... W. S. Moore
Culberson ..... F. C. West
Hayesville ..... J. M. Fowler
Ettowah ..... M. A. Matheson
Leicester ..... W. C. Matney
Marion ..... L. J. Penly
Pisgah ..... A. L. Latham
Sylva ..... To be supplied
Twasita ..... W. H. Pless
Unaka ..... Charles Hampton

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

J. F. Matney, D. S., Walkertown, N. C.

Caldwell ..... S. A. Earnhardt
Candler ..... W. T. Clark
Casar ..... D. M. Matheson
King's Mountain ..... B. M. Jackson
Glass ..... J. M. Heath
Misenheimer ..... F. A. L. Clark
Troy ..... J. L. Dennis
Walkertown ..... D. D. Bailey
Harmony ..... Austin Wilson
Climax ..... J. F. Usrey

J. L. A. Bumgarner left without appointment to attend school.

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Bishop Anderson presiding. A. Graybeal, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Canton, N. C.

J. L. A. Bumgarner, Statistician, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Disciplinary Questions

1. Is this Annual Conference incorported according to the requirements of the Discipline? Yes.
2. Who have been received by tranfer, and from what Conference? D. D. Bailey from Atlantic Mission Conference.
3. Who have been readmitted? None.
4. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? C. G. Mendenhall from the Wesleyan church.
5. Who have been received on trial? (a) In studies of first year? R. L. Maness, T. H. Eller, K. L. Haga, W. G. Warren, W. H. Pless, C. G. Mendenhall. (b) In studies of third year? None.
6. Who have been continued on trial? (a) None. (b) In studies of second year? J. A. Tharp, J. M. Fowler, F. C. West and J. H. Fine. (c) In studies of third year? D. J. White, W. T. Clark.
7. Who have been discontinued? A. L. Johnson.
8. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year? None. (b) Elected and ordianed deacons previously? A. Wilson.

9. What members are in studies of third year? Austin Wilson.

10. What members are in in studies of fourth year? A. L. Latham.

11. What members have completed the Conference course of study? A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, J. L. A. Bumgarner, M. A. Matheson.

12. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a) As local preachers? T. L. Taylor. (b) Under missionary rule? W. H. Pless.

13. What others have been elected and ordained elders? D. L. Earnhardt, J. L. A. Bumgarner, M. A. Matheson.

14. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was attended to in open Conference.

15. Who have been transferred and to what Conferences? W. E. West to Atlantic Mission Conference, L. A. Rominger and A. B. Dennis, to Holsten.

16. Who have died? None.

19. Who have withdrawn? J. C. Richardson.

22. What other personal notations should be made? Chas. Hampton as local elder.

23. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. E. Brown, L. D. Osborne.

24. Who are the superannuated preachers? D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, W. J. Evans, W. M. Broyles, D. A. Lanier, J. N. S. Doub.

25. Who are the triers of appeals? D. M. Matheson, F. A. L. Clark, W. C. Matney, J. F. Usrey, A. Graybeal.

26. What is the statistical report for this year? See tables.

27. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections

ordered by the General Confererce, as reported by the conference treasurer? $1218.

28. What are the claims on the conference funds? $616.
29. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? $616.
30. What is the amount of the the five per cent of collections for the conference claimants' connectional fund paid by the treasurer to the board of conference claimants? $5.00.
31. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.
32. Where shall the next conference be held? Troy, N. C.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY

Canton, N. C., Oct. 7th, 1910.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Cnurch began its thirty-second session in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Canton October 7th, 1910, with Bishop Anderson, D. D., LL D., in the chair. The Bishop being assisted by the District Superintendents, administered the sacramant of the Lord's supper.

ROLL CALL—The secretary of last session called the conference roll and the following answered to their names: J. L. A. Bumgarner, S. A. Earnhardt, D. L. Earnhardt, A. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, D. W. Haga, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, D. M. Matheson, M. A. Matheson, W. A. Patton, L. J. Penley, J. B. Tucker, D. J. White, J. F. Fine, Austin Wilson, F. C. West, W. E. West, J. M. Fowler, J. A. Tharp, J. N. S. Doub, D. N. Franklin and M. W. Broyles, F. A. L. Clark, W. T. Clark and J. L. Dennis.

ORGANIZATION—On motion of W. C. Matney, A Graybeal was elected Secretary, J. L. A. Bumgarner was elected Statistician, and D. W. Haga, Treasurer. J. M. Fowler was selected as assistant statistical secretary, and W. C. Matney, assistant treasurer.

CONFERENCE BAR—On motion of J. L. Dennis, the seats in front of the large windows were set apart for the Conference,

HOURS FOR MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT—On motion it was ordered that the Conference open at 8:30 a. m., and close at 12 m., the first half hour being given to the devotional exercises.

14TH QUESTION—"Was the character of each preacher examined," was taken up. J. L. Dennis, superintend-

ent of Clyde district, J. F. Matney, superintendent of the Statesville district, and J. L. Stephenson, superintendent of Bakersville district, were called, their character passed and each gave a report of the work in his district.

The following effective elders were called, and after the passage of their character, they reported their collections: A. Graybeal, W. C. Matney, W. S. Moore, S. A. Earnhardt, D. M. Matheson, F. A. L. Clark, J. M. Heath, L. J. Penley, D. W. Haga, W. A. Patton, J. B. Tucker.

The following were called, their character passed, and their collections were reported by their district superintendents: L. A. Rominger and J. F. Usrey.

STANDING COMMITTEES—Upon nominations of the district superintendents the following committees were appointed:

1. Public Worship—J. L. Dennis, A. Graybeal.
2. Conference Stewards—W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal, D. M. Matheson, F. A. L. Clark, W. A. Patton.
3. Auditing—D. M. Matheson. D. W. Haga.
4. Benevolences—L. J. Penley, W. S. Moore.
5. Education—J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. C. Matney.
6. Reforms—M. A. Matheson, T. E. Maness.
7. State of the Church—District Superintendents.
8. Memoirs—A Graybeal, J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. S. Moore.
9. Triers of Appeals—D. M. Matheson, F. A. L. Clark, J. F. Usrey, W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal.
10. Conference Relations—W. A. Patton, W. C. Matney, D. M. Matheson.
11. Sunday Schools—J. L. Stephenson, D. M. Matheson.
12. Epworth League—Austin Wilson, D. M. Matheson.
13. Advocate Journal—D. L. Earnhardt, Austin Wilson.

The Bishop announced the amount of the apportionment to this Conference for the Freedmen's Aid Society,

$100 which was ordered apportioned to the district. A committee on Connectional Funds was ordered and the chair appointed W. C. Matney, J. M. Heath and W. A. Patton.

The Bishop announced the following amounts coming to our Conference for the superannuates: $150 from Board of Con. Cl.; $25 from the Chartered Fund, and $302 from Book Concern, dividend.

It was announced that the amounts apportioned to our Conference for the ensuing year is $134 for the Episcopal Fund and was ordered apportioned to the districts.

The Secretary read report of the Book Committee.

INTRODUCTIONS—Prof. S. H. Thompson was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Methodist Advocate Journal. Dr. Russell addressed the Conference on the temperance question; Rev. Green, pastor of M. E. Church South, Clyde, L. B. Abernathy, paster M. E. Church South, of Canton, Rev. Willis P. E., of Waynesville District of M. E. Chunch South, J. W. Kesterson, pastor Locust Field Baptist Church, Canton, and Dr. Tomlinson, pastor of Ocracoke Atlantic Mission Conference, and W. E. West of Elizabeth City, were introduced.

23RD QUESTION—"Who are the Supernumerary Members?" was taken up. A. E. Brown, J. N. S. Doub, and J. A. Sisk, after passage of their character were continued in their present relation.

24TH QUESTION—"Who are the superannuated peachers?" was taken up. D. N. Franklin, M. W. Broyles, J. J. Rhyne, W. J. Evans and D. A. Lanier, were passed in character and continued in their present relation.

16TH, QUESTION—"Who Have Died?" Answer, none.

F. C. West was appointed to solicit subscriptions to M. R.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned until 2 p. m. Benediction by the Bishop,

AFTERNOON OF FIRST DAY

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2 p. m., with Bishop Anderson in the chair.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

On motion of J. L. Stephenson the action of this morning's session continuing J. N. S. Doub in the supernumerary relation was reconsidered. Also upon motion of J. L. Stephenson he was placed in the superannuate relation, and referred to the Conference Stewards for favorable consideration.

3RD QUESTION—"Who have been received by transfer and from what conferenece?" was asked. The bishops announced the transfer of D. D. Bailey from the Atlantic Mission Conference to this. Also the transfer of W. E. West from this to the Atlantic Mission Conference, as a probationer in 1st year.

F. C. West was continued on trial in studies of the second year.

11TH QUESTION—"What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, J. L. A. Bumgarner and M. A. Matheson were called, their characters passed and having graduated from the Conference Course of Study, were elected to Elder's orders. A. L. Latham and D. L. Osborne were called, passed in character, and continued in the 4th year in the course of study. L. D. Osborne was made supernumerary.

B. M. Jackson was called and his character passed.

The Statistical Secretary and Conference Treasurer gathered up the reports of the pastors.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m.,

with Bishop Anderson in the chair. Dr. Russell led the prayer. The Bishop gave the Conference a soul-stirring lecture on "The Joy of Service," after which the business of the Conference was taken up.

Minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and approved.

J. J. Matney was called and his character passed.

5TH QUESTION—"Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. The following were admitted and placed in the first year year of the Conference course: R. L. Maness, T. H. Eller, K. L. Haga, W. G. Warren, W. H. Pless, and C. G. Mendenhall.

6TH QUESTION—"Who are continued on trial?" was taken up. J. A. Tharp and J. M. Fowler were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year. F. C. West and J. H. Fine were continued in the studies of the second year; Austin Wilson was advanced to the studies of the third year; A. L. Johnson was discontinued.

D. J. White and W. T. Clark were called, their character passed and they were continued in the studies of the third year.

T. L. Taylor was elected to local decon's orders.

The Bishop addressed the candidate for admission and the Conference in a masterly way, after which Austin Wilson was admitted to full membership.

Dr. Ward Plott, representing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Mr. Alexander, representing the Summer Chautauqua of Black Mountain, addressed the Conference and requested that resolutions be adopted accepting a proposition to taking stock or part in that enterprise. A committee was ordered, said committee to be announced later.

J. W. Warren, of the Holston Conference, Rev. Hunter, of the Presbyterian church of this city

and Dr. Parker, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion D. M. Matheson and J. F. Usrey were referred to the Conference Stewards for favorable consideration.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3 p. m.—Bishop Anderson in the chair. Dr. Parker led in prayer.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

19TH QUESTION—"Who have withdrawn?" asked. J. C. Richardson.

32ND QUESTION—"Where shall the next Conference be held?" Troy, N. C.

15TH QUESTION—"Who have been transferred and to what conference?" was resumed. L. A. Rossinger and A. B. Dennis were transferred by the bishop to the Holston Conference.

12TH QUESTION—"What others have been elected and ordained deacons under the missionary rule?" was asked. On motion of J. L. Dennis, W. H. Pless was elected to deacon's order under the missionary rule.

Dr. Parker addressed the Conference in the interest of the Board of Foreign missions.

Prof. Eller addressed the Conference in the interest of Fairview College.

J. L. Dennis spoke in the interest of the schools at Ettawah and Craggy.

Rev. W. A. Ballew made a few remarks to the Conference.

Report on Education was read by W. C. Matney, Report adopted.

D. M. Matheson read report of Auditing Committee. Adopted.

W. C. Matney read report of Conference Stewards. See report which was adopted.

W. S. Moore read report of committee on Benevolences. Report adopted.

M. A. Matheson read the report of the committee on Reforms. Report adopted.

Austin Wilson reported for committee on Epworth League. Report adopted.

On motion of M. W. Broyles a committee on Resolutions was appointed. W. A. Patton, Austin Wilson, W. S. Moore were appointed.

Committee on Advocate Journal reported through Austin Wilson. The Bishop and Prof. Thompson spoke for the paper. Report adopted.

J. F. Matney presented the matter of the M. E. Church in Greensboro. On motion of J. F. Matney a certain claim of Rev. N. M. Cooper against said church was rejected. It was ordered that the proceeds of the sale of said church be apportioned as follows: $200 in payment of a loan made by the board of church extension, $200 to our church at Misenheimer, and the balance, $300 to Gastonia.

Financial committee of our school at Traphill appointed. W. L. Brewer and C. A. Rice appointed.

Resolutions concerning raising money for superannuates was read. Adopted.

W. C. Matney was appointed to preside as the Bishop was retiring with his cabinet.

J. W. Warren spoke for Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn.

On motion of A. Graybeal it was ordered that each pastor pay $1.25 and each D. S. pay $3.00 for the publication of the Conference Journal, and that the District Superintendents be responsible for the amounts in their districts.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with benediction.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Conference met at 7:30 p. m., with Bishop Anderson in the chair.

26TH QUESTION—"What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?" was asked. $620.

27TH QUESTION—Aggregate benevolent collections $1218.

30TH QUESTION—Amount of the 5 per cent., $5.00.

32ND QUESTION—"Where shall next Conference be held?" Troy, N. C.

D. W. Haga, Conference Treasurer, and J. L. A. Bumgarner, Statistical Secretary, read their reports. Reports adopted.

Conference ordered that J. L. Dennis collect the outstanding notes belonging to the Conference Relief Fund and loan the same in a bulk.

A. Graybeal read his report as Treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund. See report which was adopted.

W. C. Matney and A. Graybeal were appointed a committee on the publication of the minutes.

Dr. Ward Plott delivered a great lecture on the subject of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Conference adjourned with benediction.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION

Conference met at 9 a. m., with Bishop Anderson in the chair. Love feast conducted by W. C. Matney.

The following were ordained as elders: D. L. Earnhardt, J. L. A. Bumgarner and M. A. Matheson.

The following deacons were ordained: T. L. Taylor, as a local deacon, and W. H. Pless, under the missionary rule.

W. A. Patton read the resolutions which were adopted.

It was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to edit the minutes, and that the minutes be published as the Official Journal of the Conference.

Conference adjourned sine die.

W. F. ANDERSON, Pres.

A. GRAYBEAL, Sec'y.

Reports

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

The following notable achievements within the past year justify the heartiest commendation:

1. The official report of 19,254 chapters, 13,427 Senior and 6,127 Junior and 808,958 members, with thirty-six conference missions (19 home and 17 foreign) unreported.

2. A state of organization that shows the number of Senior Chapters in excess of the number of regular pastors, on eleven of the thirteen white English-speaking General Conference Districts of the United States.

3. A healthy growth indicated by the issuing of 778 charters last year.

4. The entire self support of the League after many years of dependent existence.

5. The holding of the largest number and the most successful series of Institutes in the history of this movement.

We strongly commend the Institute method of work in the Epworth League and recommend our pastors and our young people to avail themselves of its benefits.

We heartily approve the new literature for the departments of Spiritual Work and Finance and urge its extensive use. We also recommend "Epworth Praises" the official song book that has been proven by us to be of superior merit and value for all social or evangelistical services.

The Epworth League still offers the pastor his most direct and extensive contact with the young people and an unsurpassed opportunity to influence them toward godliness. The chief responsibility for its success lies with our pastors and we urge them to give it more attention.

EDUCATION

Your committee on education beg to report as follows: Whereas, the Methodist Episcopal Church was born in a college and has ever honored her birth by an abiding affection and aggressive forward movement in Christian education; whereas we now have in the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference four schools under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church with some half dozen or more community schools. Aaron Seminary, our school at Montezuma with a property worth about $7000, has done most excellent work, and is now under the wise leadership of Rev. J. L. Stephenson, and plans are on foot to broaden and extend the usefulness of this school.

Fairview College located at Traphill, N. C., is also a school of much importance and is now doing good work. Prof. T. H. Eller is principal.

Ettawah is another very promising school, located in the beautiful French Broad valley on the Lake Toxaway line of roilroad, surrounded by a staunch Methodist people. Rev. M. A. Matheson is principal of this school. Then we have the Mitchell Home, a training school for boys and girls, located at Mishimer, N. C. Under the auspices of the W. H. M. S., the property worth $20,000. This school is intended to bless the entire Conference.

Whereas, the Schools are all greatly in need, and must have financial aid to make possible the accomplishment of the greatest amount of good, Resolved, that this Conference appoint a financial committee or agent for our education work.

Resolved, 2nd, that we pledge ourselves to collect $2000 this Conference year for these schools.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS

Received from Book Concern	$302.00
" " Chartered Fund	25.00

" " Connectional Fund	150.00
" " Conference Collections	83.60
" Balance last year	58.75
Total	617.35

Disbursed as follows:

D. M. Franklin, paid cash	$100.00
Mrs. A. J. Johnson, paid to J. N. S. Doub	50.00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton, paid to M. A. Matheson	40.00
J. J. Ryne, paid cash to J. B. Tucker	20.00
Mrs. Edwin Anderson, paid A. Graybeal	25.00
Mrs. J. H. Rominger, mailed to Stout, O.	10.00
Mrs. C. S. Castevens, paid cash	75.00
W. J. Evans	40.00
D. A. Lanier, paid to S. A. Earnhardt	96.00
M. W. Broyles	40.00
J. N. S. Doub	40.00
D. M. Matheson	40.00
J. F. Usrey	40.00
Totel to J. F. Matney	616.00

We the Conference Board of Stewards recommend that this conference raise during the coming year at least $200 for our conference claimants; that this amount be apportioned equally among the districts, and that each D. S. apportion the amount expected from his district among the pastoral charges.

W. C. MATNEY,
A. GRAYBEAL,
D. M. MATHESON,
F. A. CLARK.

BENEVOLENCE

We the committee on benevolences do recommend and earnestly insist that each pastor in the Blue Ridge Conference be asked to put forth an untiring effort to

raise the full amount apportioned his charge for the various benevolent causes of the church.

L. J. PENLEY,
W. S. MOORE.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the receipts of all the District Superintendents and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. HAGA,
D. M. MATHESON.

ADVOCATE JOURNAL

Considering the gross ignorance of many of our people, especially in the rural districts, in regard to the condition and workings of their own church, and in view of the fact that it is through the columns of our church paper that the wanted information must reach them;

Be it Resolved: First, that we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, during the next conference year do all within our power to place the Advocate Journal in every Methodist home within our charges.

Second, that we as a body extend to Prof. Thompson our thanks for his earnest labors in trying to place the paper within the homes of our people, and for the excellent offers made us on subscriptions.

AUSTIN WILSON,
D. L. EARNHARDT.

TEMPERANCE

Resolved: That it is the sense of the members of the Blue Ridge Conference that our Members of Congress and United States Senators should vote for the bill now pending in Congress to amend the interstate commerce

law so as to forbid the shipping of intoxicants into dry territory.

M. A. MATHESON.

DIED

Marcilles Josephine Matheson, wife of Rev. D. M. Matheson, was born May 5, 1863, and died June 1, 1910, aged 47 years, 1 month and 16 days. She professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when she was about fifteen years old, and for whose cause she labored faithfully untill called home to the church triumphant. She was a faithful companion, and affectionate mother and step-mother, and a model Christian. Her end was glorious and peaceful.

J. L. BUMGARNER.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND

W. C. Matney—President.
A. Graybeal—Secretary and Treasurer.
J. L. Dennis, W. A. Patton, D. M. Matheson, J. F. Matney—additional trustees.
1 note given Sept. 3, 1903, for $115 real estate security. $75 paid.
1 note given Aug. 2, 1905, for $50.
1 note given July 8, 1907, for $50 less $11.50.
1 note given Dec. 12, 1892, for $100, less $50 paid.
1 note dated March 21, 1907, for $50 real estate security.
1 note given Nov. 1, 1894, for $28.
1 note given April 8, 1902, for $100, less $38.95 paid.
1 note given Nov. 1, 1893, for $24.
1 note given Nov. 4, 1893, for $50.
1 note given Sept. 6, 1907, for $114.63, real estate security.
Voted to claimants $58.75.

A. GRAYBEAL, Treasurer.

"REFORMS"

Sabbath was made for man; for man's benefit; to exact, to live, to preserve, not to enslave.

It is a shame and an act of oppression to take it from him. It is a matter of extortion to take from the poor man the day that, if properly observed, keeps him from exhaustion and decay, in order that his employer may get the last drop of his life's service.

The heathen world does that, and in the heathen world it is lord and slave. God's legislation, Bible legislation, is calculated to make men free and equal, the opposite of lord and slave.

Whereas, the most recent statistics show that man is longer lived, more effective, more intelligent and more moral under a six day system of toil, and,

Whereas, the quite, thoughtful type of Sunday has been from the first a characteristic of American life, law and history, and, whereas, there is a growing tendency to utilize Sunday for various sorts of business and for noisy sports,

We, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, do hereby enter our protest against this tendency, and insist that nothing but works of real necessity and mercy should be allowed on Sunday.

We pledge ourselves as loyal to the principles of our civilization and to the best interests of our fellewmen.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. MATHESON,
T. E. MANESS.

STATISTICS NO. 1. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1910.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Members				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property					
	No. Probationers	No. Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. Children Baptized	No. Adults Baptized	No. Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars	No. Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Buildings, improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church property
Montezuma	9	286	4	2		54	7	35	375	8	3500	1	700	50		
Wilkesboro		337	5	2	8	54	5	40	328	5	4300			758		200
Laurel Branch	2	250	1		1	23	5	25	300	6	4500			500		
Jefferson	30	260	5	5	10	8	5	20	200	6	5000	1	500			
Bakersville	23	310	2	4		15	4	24	240	6	5000			1000		38
Yadkin		350	1	3		38	4	24	200	5	2400	1	500			
Traphill		146				3	4	21	180	3	2800	1	300	400		
Boone	18	142	1			22	6	22	163	6	2600					
Pond Mountain	16	200	2			9	2	7	100	3	1000					
Creston	10	230	5	2			3	24	250	4	2000			10		
Zion		440	1	4		5	7	40	447	7	4100	1	1000	10		15
Total	108	2951	27	22	19	231	52	282	2783	59	37200	5	3000	2728		253

STATISTICS NO. 1. CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1910.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Members				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. Children Baptized	No. Adults Baptized	No. Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars	No. Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Buildings, improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church property
Canton		263		3	1	2	3	10	250	4	10000			2000		2800
Culberson		240		2		27	4	20	125	4	5200	1	750	300		
Marion	3	220	1	1	5	2	3	17	150	4	4700	1	700	65	130	519
Fort Hembree	5	236	3	2	4	42	5	15	150	5	5500	2	1200	15		2
Sylva	6	72	1				2	7	65	3	2500	1	250			68
Irwin		150	2		2	6				5	3000	1	500	200		
Asheville		206	1	2		4	3	15	185	4	5200	1	750	150		
Clyde	4	350	1	5	14	40	5	30	250	5	5000	2	2500	180		
Leicester	5	321		4	5	3	6	40	300	6	8500	1	1600	300	200	
Pisgah	7	169	2	5			4	30	250	4	4800	1	1600	40		
Unaka		195	2				2	6	50	4	3000	1	300			
Total	30	2422	13	24	31	126	37	190	1775	45	57400	12	10150	3250	330	3389

STATISTICS NO. 1. STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1910.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Members				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property					
	No. Probationers	No. Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. Children Baptized	No. Adults Baptized	No. Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars	No. Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Buildings, Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church property
Misenheimer		260	3	1	7	4	3	20	120	4	1800	1	600	110		
Casar	6	363	1	3	2	24	4	20	150	6	5000	1	1000	500		
Harmony		255	1	5	4	10	4	25	230	5	3000	1	500	15		
Glass	5	212	2	3	5	12	5	25	200	4	5000	1	2500	200		
King's Mountain	2	232	3	1	3	4	3	21	240	5	5000	1	575	191		
Troy		300	2	1		15	5	26	175	6	8000					
Candler	4	195		1		6	1	1	6	5	2500	1	300	40		
Greensboro		64	1	1			1	6	60	4	1800					
Caldwell		232	1	4	8	9	4	26	173	6	3000			7		
Daisy	20	218	1	5	3	1	5	30	300	5	7000	1	1000	68		
Total	37	2431	15	25	32	85	35	200	1651	50	42100	7	6475	1128	72	
Total Clyde	30	2422	13	24	31	126	37	190	1775	45	57400	12	10150	3252	330	3389
Total Bakersville	108	2951	27	22	19	231	52	282	2783	59	37200	5	2000	2628		253
Grand Total	175	7804	55	71	82	442	124	672	6209	154	136700	24	18625	7108	402	3642
Grand Total last year	263	7841	58	67	77	341	122	653	6207	157	117850	24	18000	10450	317	2935
Gain				4	5	101	2	19	2		18850		625		85	707
Loss	88	37	3							3				3342		

BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance	No. of Members in Home Department	No. of Children on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment in all Departments	No. officers and teachers who are ch. members or probat'rs	No. Scholars, whether Attendants or members in home Dept. who are ch. members or probationers	No. Members of S. S. Converted During Year	Current Expenses	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools
Montezuma	7	35	375	235			340	25	125	54	$23		
Wilkesboro	5	40	328	218			328	38		46	38		
Laurel Branch	5	25		250			300	25		15	20		1
Jefferson	5	20	200	100			200			20	10		3
Bakersville	4	24	240				240						
Yadkin	4	24	200					24	150	25			
Traphill	4	21	180	55				20	120	10	15		
Boone	6	22	163	150			141	22		18	10		
Pond Mountain	2	7	100	75				6		10			
Creston	3	24	250	150				22		10	24		
Zion	7	40	447	340			447	30	345	50	25		1
Total	52	282	2483	1573			1996	212	740	258	165		5

CLYDE DISTRICT

Canton	3	10	250					10					
Culberson	4	20	125										
Marion	3	17	150				155	10		6	45		
Fort Hembree	3	15	100	115	20		150	15		50	10		
Sylva	2	7	65								2		
Irwin													
Asheville	3	15	110	120	10	65	185	10		17	26		5
Clyde	5	30	250	200			250	28	248	25	40		
Leicester	6	40	300	250									
Pisgah	4	30	150				250						
Unaka	2	6	50	40							5		
Total	35	190	1550	725	30	65	990	73	248	98	126		5

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Misenheimer	3	20	100	120							4		
Casar	4	20	150	100				15		30	25		3
Harmony	4	25	200	130			205	24		10	30		
Glass	4	25	200	150			200	20		10	15		
King's Mountain	3	21	240	200			240	21	220	10	20		
Troy	6	26	175	145			149	23	125	10	60		
Chandler	4	7	60	40				7		10	5		
Greensboro	1	6	70	55				6			4		
Caldwell	4	26	125					20		20	2		
Daisy	5	30	300	150			300	25	225	10	20		
Total	38	206	1620	1090			1094	161	570	110	185		3
Total, Clyde	52	282	2483	1573			1996	212	740	258	165		5
Total, Bakersviille	35	190	1550	725	30	65	990	73	248	98	126		5
Grand Total	125	678	5653	3388	30	65	4080	446	1558	466	476		13
Grand Total last yr	124	661	6322	4229	13		1162			442	576	10	28
Gain	1	17			17		2827			24			
Loss			669	841							100	10	12

STATISTICS NO. 3. BAKERSVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1910.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Sup't of Con. Claim'ts		Sup't of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Conference Claimants, Dist. Supts. and Bishops	Current Expenses		
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS											Church: Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Sunday Schools: Les'n L's vs B'ks, &c	Total
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportianed	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid				
Montezuma	D. W. Haga	360	40	400	360	40	400		8	8	40	40	2	2	450	25	23	48
Wilkesboro	R. L. Maness	200		200	300		300				32	36	2	2	338	5	38	43
Laurel Branch	J. H. Fine	225	40	265	225	40	265		1	1	20	30	1	1	297	20	15	35
Jefferson	W. A. Patton	350	48	398	152	48	200	198	4	4	40	48	1	1	253			
Bakersville	L. A. Rominger	200	40	240	200	40	240		1	1	32	35	2	2	278			
Yadkin	D. J. White	220	35	255	200	35	235	20	2	2	32	28						
Traphill	J. N. S. Doub	150	50	200	150	50	200		2	2	20	20	1	1	223	6	15	21
Boone	K. L. Haga	175		175	110		110	65			32	32						
Pond Mountain	T. A. Farmer	80		80	80		80		1	1	20	21	1	1	103	10		10
Creston	L. D. Osborn	150		150	65		65	85			26	20	3	1	86		34	34
Zion	J. B. Tucker	360	50	410	280	50	330	80	6	2	40	40	6	1	373	10	15	25
Total		2470	253	2773	2122	303	2425	448	25	21	334	350	19	12	2401	76	140	216

STATISTICS NO. 3. CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1910.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Sup't of Con. Claim'ts		Sup't of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Conference Claimants, Dist. Supts. and Bishops	Current Expenses		
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS													
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportianed	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Church: Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Sunday Schools: Les'n L'vs B'ks, &c	Total
Canton	A. Graybeal	500		500	350		350	150		1	40	38		1	390	20	30	50
Culberson	F. C. West	240	50	290	240	50	290				32	32	1	1	323	15	20	35
Marion	M. A. Matheson	300	50	350	234	50	284	66	5	5	32	32	1	1	322	4	45	49
Fort Hembree	J. M. Fowler	200	100	300	200	100	300				50	50	1	1	351	10	10	20
Sylva	W. G. Warren	120	24	144	72	24	96	48			13	13			109			
Irwin	W. T. Clarke	230	50	280	130	50	180	100			2	2	1	1	193	10		10
Asheville	D. L. Earnhardt	240	60	300	246	60	306		2	2	32	32	1	1	341	5	26	31
Clyde	W. S. Moore	400	100	500	381	100	481	19	1	1	40	40	1	1	523	20	40	60
Leicester	W. C. Matney	400	100	500	400	100	500		5	5	42	43	2	2	550	20	60	80
Pisgah	A. L. Latham	255	100	355	255	100	355		2	2	32	32	1	1	390			
Unaka	F. C. West	85	18	103	28	18	46	57			25	25	1	1	72			
Total		2970	652	3622	2506	652	3188	840	15	16	340	339	10	11	3554	104	231	335

STATISTICS NO. 3. STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE FOR 1910.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Sup't of Con. Claim'ts		Sup't of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Conference Claimants, Dist. Supts. and Bishops	Current Expenses		
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS													
		Salary	House Rent	Total	1	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportianed	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Church: Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Sunday Schools: Les'n L'vs B'ks, &c	Total
Misenheimer	A. J. Thorp	200	50	250	175	50	225	25	2	2	32	28	2	1	256		4	4
Casar	D. M. Matheson	400	60	460	261	60	321	139	10	10	40	41	2	1	373	5	25	30
Harmony	Austin Wilson	240	30	270	240	30	270		4	4	32	32	1	1	307	5	30	35
Glass	J. M. Heath	300	40	340	275	40	315	25	5	5	32	32	2	2	349		15	15
King's Mountain	L. J. Penley	400	60	460	291	60	351	109			40	40			391	60	20	80
Troy	A. B. Dennis	326		325	325		325				52	52	2	2	379			
Candler	F. A. L. Clarke	200		200	250		250		4	4	32	32	1	1	287	10		10
Greensboro	J. F. Usrey	95		95	38		38	57	1	1	15	15			46			
Caldwell	S. A. Earnhardt	150		150	135		135	15	3	3	30	30	2	1	169		2	2
Daisy	J. A. Bumgarner	312	60	372	312	60	372	20	20	20	55	55		4	451	15	20	35
Total		2622	300	2922	2302	300	2602	370	49	49	360	349	16	13	3008	95	116	211
Total Clyde		2960	652	3622	2506	652	3188	840	5	16	340	339	10	11	3554	104	231	335
Total Bakersville		2460	253	2773	2122	303	2425	448	25	21	334	350	19	12	2401	76	140	216
Grand Total		8042	1205	9317	6930	1255	8215	1658	79	86	1034	1038	45	36	8963	275	487	762
Grand Total last year		7131	1022	8153	6213	1022	7235	1488	105	105	978	955	39	39	8334	285	421	706
Gain		911	183	1164	717	233	980	170			56	83	6		629		66	56
Loss									26	19				3		10		

NAMES OF CHARGES	MISSIONS				EDUCATION			B.Con.Clms																	RECAPITULATION		
	Board of Foreign Missions		Board of H. Missions and Church Extension		General Education	Children's Fund		Board of Sunday Schools	Connect'l Fund	Permanent Fund		Freedmen's Aid Society	American Bible Society		Woman's F. M. Society	Woman's H. M. Society	Local Educational Interests		Support Con. Claimants	General Con. Expenses	Cent. Off. Ex Epworth Lg	Episcopal Fund				
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash	Total Cash	Total Vouch's	To'l Cash & Vo'h's
Bakersville District																											
Bakersville	5		6													1			1			2	15		15
Boone																1			1	1		1	11		11
Creston	2		5												1	2	1		4	1		1	37		37
Jefferson	10		14			3										1	1			1		1	20		20
Laurel Branch	8		10			1		1	1						1	2	2		8	1		2	45	5	50
Montezuma	10		10	5	1	2		1	2	1		1	1			1			1	1		1	8		8
Pond Mountain	1		3														2		2	1		1	24		24
Traphill	3		15						2							1	2			1		2	18	7	25
Wilkesboro	5		3	7	2				2										2				19		19
Yadkin	3		10			1										2	1		2	1		1	22		22
Zion	4		6		1	2		1		1		1													
Totals	46		82	12	4	9		3	7	2		2	1		2	11	9		21	8		12	219	12	231
Clyde District																2			2			1	23	5	28
Asheville	5		10				5			1		1	1				5		1			1	46		46
Canton	10		18		3	9			2						1	3			4	1		2	40		40
Clyde	10		14		1			1	2	1						2						1	21		21
Culberson	8		8						2							2	1			1		1	15		15
Haysville	3		5						1				1			2			2			1	12		12
Irwin	2		2						1						2	2						2	58	4	62
Leicester	22		22				4	1	5						3	3						1	28	312	340
Marion		242	15					2	1	1			1			2		70	5			1	40		40
Pisgah	10		20						2						1	4			2				3		3
Sylva	1		2																						
Unaka																									
Totals	71	242	116		4	6	9	4	16	3		1	3		7	20	6	70	16	2		11	286	321	607
Statesville District																									
Caldwell	5		7																3	1		1	17		17
Casar	5		10	5	1	2		1	1	1			1		1	1	1		10	1		1	37	5	42
Candler	11		15					1							1	1			4	1			44		34
Clifton and Smyrna																									
Daisy	20		40			3			2	2		1				1			20	2		4	95		95
Glass	10		30			2		1	2				1			2			3	1		2	54		54
Greensboro	1		1																1				3		3
Harmony	13		10						2	1					2	4			4			1	37		37
King's Mountain	15		10	5		3			5						1	1			1	2		1	39	5	44
Misenheimer	8		10						2						2	3						1	26		26
Troy and Pinebluff	7		7													5			5	2		2	28		28
Totals	95		140	10	1	10		3	14	4		1	2		7	18	1		51	10		13	370	10	380
Grand Total, This Year	212	242	338	22	9	25	9	10	37	9		4	6		16	49	16	70	88	20		36	875	343	1218
Grand Total, Last Year	227	105	410	113	18	16	14	11	31	8	20	6	10		10	43	11	45	76	9	2	43	931	297	1228
Increase		137				9	4		6	1					6	6	5	25	12	11				46	
Decrease	15		72	91	9			1			20	2	4									2	7	56	10

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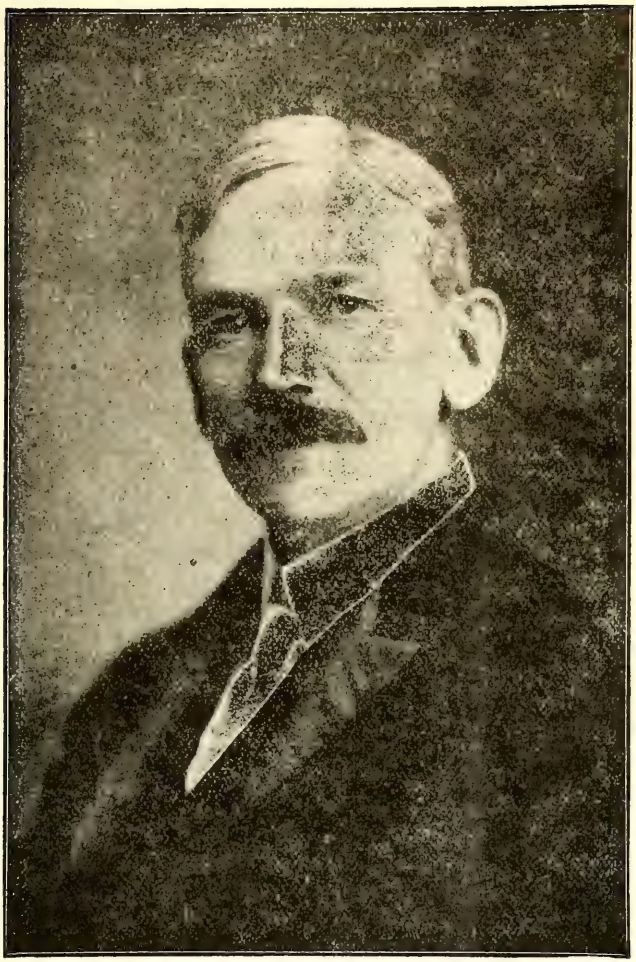

Bishop W. F. Anderson, D. D., LLD., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Conference Roll, 1911

NAME	ORDER	POSTOFFICE	WHEN ADMITTED
Bumgarner, J. L. A.	Elder	Lansing, N. C.	1901
Bailey, D. D.	Elder	Harmony, N. C.	1910
Clark, F. A. L.	Deacon	Misenheimer, N. C.	1884
Clark, W. T.	Deacon	Pinson, N. C.	1905
Graham, W. Q. A.	Elder	Misenheimer, N. C.	1911
Earnhardt, D. L.	Elder	Old Fort, N. C.	1906
Earnhardt, S. A.	Elder	Claremont, N. C.	1892
Fowler, J. M.	Deacon	Haysville, N. C.	1909
Fine, J. H.	Deacon	Ararat, N. C.	1907
Graybeal. A.	Elder	Canton, N. C.	1882
Heath, J. M.	Elder	Kannapolis, N. C.	1889
Haga, D. W.	Elder	Canton, N. C.	1905
Matney, W. C.	Elder	Marshallberg, N. C.	1888
Matheson, M. A.	Elder	Casar, N. C.	1889
Moore, W. S.	Elder	Clyde, N. C.	1903
Patton, W. A.	Elder	Canton, N. C.	1897
Penley, L. J.	Elder	Asheville, N. C.	1897
Stephenson, J. L.	Elder	Traphill, N. C.	1888
Tucker, J. B.	Elder	State Road, N. C.	1892
Usrey, J. F.	Elder	Roseland, N. C.	1895
White, D. J.	Elder	New Castle, N. C.	1905
West, F. C.	Deacon	Culberson, N. C.	1906
Smith, C. W.	Elder	Traphill, N. C.	1908
Graham, W. F.	Elder	Troy, N. C.	1911
Plint, W. J.	Elder	Walkertown, N. C.	1911
Matney, J. F.	Elder	Marshallberg, N. C.	1888

PROBATIONERS.

Maness, R. L.	Deacon	Statesville, N. C., R. F. D.	1910
Eller, T. H.	Licentiate	Miller's Creek, N. C.	1910
Haga, K. L.	Deacon	Trap Hill, N. C.	1910
Pless, W. H.	Deacon	Etowah, N. C.	1910
Stamey, Thomas	Deacon	Sylva, N. C.	1911
Culp, B. A.	Deacon	King's Mountain, N. C.	1911
Wall, J. M.	Deacon	Miller's Creek, N. C.	1911
Green, J. S.	Deacon	Bakersville, N. C.	1911
Thompson, W. S.	Deacon	Ashland, N. C.	1911

SUPERNUMERARY.

Brown, A. E.	Elder	Mountain City, Tenn.	1906
Osborne, L. D.	Deacon	Trade, Tenn., R. F. D.	1905
Sisk, J. A.	Elder	Troy, N. C.	1903

SUPERANNUATES.

Broyles, M. W.....Elder....Alto, N. C.....1887
Doub, J. N. S.....Elder....Trap Hill, N. C.....1895
Evans, W. J.....Elder....Canton, N. C.....1889
Franklin, D. N.....Elder....Canton, N. C., R. F. D.....1888
Matheson, D. M.....Elder....Casar, N. C.....1888
Rhyne, J. J.....Elder....Statesville, N. C., R. F. D..1887
Wilson, Austin .....Deacon....Harmony, N. C.....1890
Lanier, D. A.....Elder....Casar, N. C.....1890

OFFICERS.

President.....Bishop William F. Anderson, Chattanooga
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Treasurer.....M. A. Matheson

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

President .....A. Graybeal
Registrar.....M. A. Matheson
Admission.....W. C. Matney, D. W. Haga, J. M. Heath
First Year.....W. S. Moore, D. L. Earnhardt, F. C. West
Second Year.....J. L. A. Bumgarner, M. A. Matheson, W. T. Clark
Third Year.....J. F. Matney, J. L. Stephenson, D. D. Bailey
Fourth Year.....W. A. Patton, J. L. Dennis, L. J. Penley
Local Orders.....S. A. Ernhardt, K. L. Haga, R. L. Maness

All examinations are to be held on the day preceding the session of our Annual Conference. All papers are to be prepared by Committee in each year and sent to the Chairman of the Board of Examiners a reasonable time before Conference convenes.

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Additional Members: David W. Haga, J. H. Evans, J. H. Sellers. District Superintendents, members ex-officio.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

TRAP HILL DISTRICT.

J. L. Stephenson, D. S., Trap Hill, N. C.

Ararat, J. H. Fine, 2.....Ararat, N. C.
Bakersville,, J. S. Green, 1.....Bakersville, N. C.
Boone, J. A. Cole, 1; Supply.....Blowing Rock, N. C.
Beech Mountain, J. E. Templeton, 1; Supply.....Matney, N. C.
Creston, W. S. Thompson, 1.....Ashland, N. C.
Elkin, J. B. Tucker, 1.....State Road, N. C.

Green Mountain, A. Traylor, 2; Supply.....Green Mountain, N. C.
Laurel Branch, C. W. Smith, 1.....Trap Hill, N. C.
Lansing, J. L. A. Bumgarner, 1.....Lansing, N. C.
Montezuma, F. F. Frisby, 1; Supply.....Montezuma, N. C.
Pond Mountain, H. A. Blankenship, 2; Supply.....Glenn, N. C.
Roaring River, J. N. S. Doub, 1; Supply.....Trap Hill, N. C.
Trap Hill, K. L. Haga, 1.....Trap Hill, N. C.
Wilkesboro, J. M. Wall, 1.....Miller's Creek, N. C.
Yadkin, D. J. White, 2.....New Castle, N. C.
Zion, R. L. Maness, 1.....Statesville, N. C.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

W. Q. A. Graham, D. S., Misenheimer, N. C.

Caldwell, S. A. Earnhardt, 3.....Claremont, N. C.
Casar, M. A. Matheson, 1.....Casar, N. C.
Chandler, W. T. Clark, 2.....Pinsin, N. C.
Glass, J. M. Heath, 2.....Kannapolis, N. C.
King's Mountain, B. A. Culp, 2.....Gastonia, N. C.
Harmony, D. D. Bailey, 1.....Harmony, N. C.
Misenheimer, F. A. L. Clark, 2.....Misenheimer, N. C.
Roseland, J. F. Usrey, 1.....Roseland, N. C.
Troy, W. F. Graham, 1.....Troy, N. C.
Walkertown, W. J. Plint, 1.....Walkertown, N. C.
Pine Bluff, Supplied by W. H. Wadell.

CLYDE DISTRICT.

W. A. Patton, D. S., Canton, N. C.

Asheville.....L. J. Penley, 1; Asheville, N. C., R. F. D.
Canton Station.....A. Graybeal, 3; Canton, N. C.
Canton Circuit.....David W. Haga, 1; Canton, N. C.
Clyde.....W. S. Moore, 3; Clyde, N. C.
Culberson.....F. C. West, 4; Culberson, N. C.
Haysville, J. M. Fowler, 3.....Haysville, N. C.
Etowah, W. H. Pless, 1.....Etowah, N. C.
Leicester, W. C. Matney, 3.....Leicester, N. C.
Marion, D. L. Earnhardt, 1.....Old Fort, N. C.
Pisgah, Supplied by T. L. Taylor, 1.....Candler, N. C.
Sylva, T. H. Stamey, 1.....Sylva, N. C.

Disciplinary Questions

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Held in Troy, N. C., Oct. 19, 1911.

BISHOP ANDERSON, Presiding.
A. GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

Post Office of Secretary Canton, N. C.

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1. Is the Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline? Yes.

2. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences? W. F. Graham, W. Q. A. Graham and W. J. Plint, from the Atlantic Mission Conference.

3. Who have been readmitted? None.

4. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? C. W. Smith, from Baptist church.

5. Who have been received on trial? (a) In studies of first year: Thomas Stamey, B. A. Culp, J. M. Wall, J. S. Green, W. S. Thompson. (b) In studies of third year: None.

6. Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of first year: T. H. Eller, Wm. H. Pless. (b) In studies of second year: R. L. Maness, K. L. Haga. (c) In studies of third year: None. (d) In studies of fourth year: None.

7. Who have been discontinued? W. G. Warren, G. C. Mendenhall.

8. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year: None. (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously: J. M. Fowler, F. C. West and J. H. Fine.

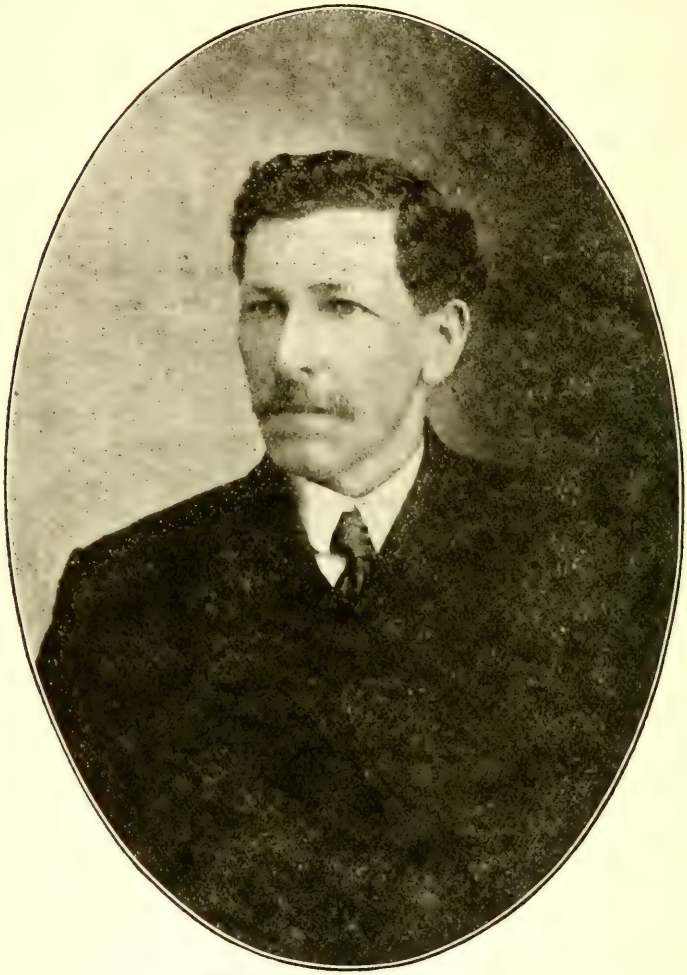
9. What members are in studies of third year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year: J. M. Fowler, F. C. West, J. H. Fine. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: David J. White.

10. What members are in studies of fourth year? W. T. Clark, L. D. Osborne.

11. What members have completed the Conference

course of study? (a) Elected and ordained elders this year: None. (b) Elected and ordained elders previously: None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a) As local preachers: None. (b) Under mission-



Rev. W. Q. A. Graham, D. S. Statesville District.

ary rule: B. A. Culp, K. L. Haga, J. S. Green, J. M. Wall, W. S. Thompson. (c) Under seminary rule: None.

13. What others have been elected and ordained elders?

(a) As local deacons: T. E. Maness; (b) Under missionary rule: None; (c) Under seminary rule: None.

14. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was attended to in open Conference.

15. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? J. J. Matney to Missouri, J. L. Dennis to Atlantic Mission Conference.

16. Who have died? None.

17. Who have been located at thei rown request? A. L. Johnson.

18. Who have been located? None.

19. Who have withdrawn? A. L. Latham.

21. Who have been expelled? None.

22. What other personal notation should be made? F. M. Presley's parchments were received and he recognized as a local elder coming to us from the Missionary Baptist Church.

23. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. E. Brown, L. D. Osborn, J. A. Sisk.

24. Who are the superannuated preachers? Austin Wilson, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, W. J. Evans, J. N. S. Doub, M. W. Broyles, D. A. Lanier, D. M. Matheson.

25. Who are the triers of appeals? F. A. L. Clark, J. T. Usrey, W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal, W. Q. A. Graham.

26. What is the statistical report for this year? See tables.

27. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference treasurer? $1,231.

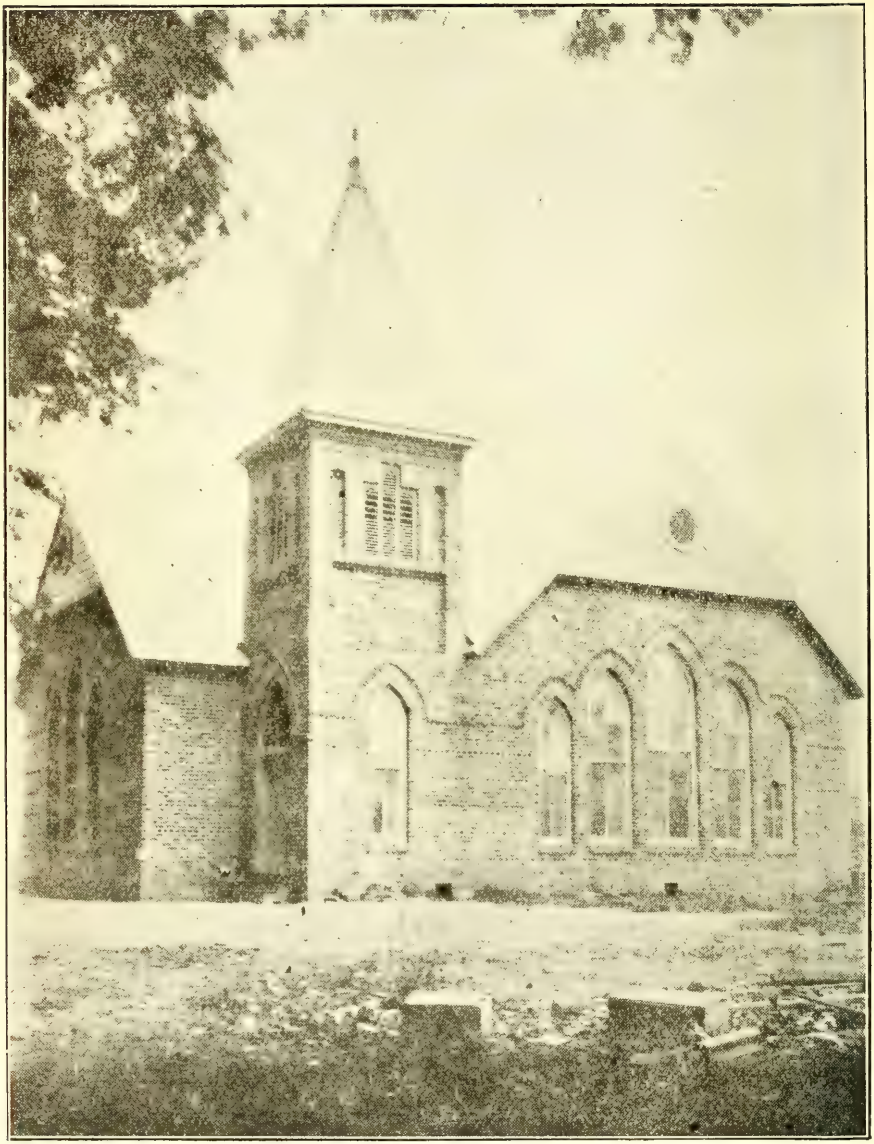
28. What are the claims on the Conference fund? See steward's report.

29. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? $114.

30. What is the amount of the five per cent. of collections for the Conference claimants' connectional fund paid by the treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? $6.00.

31. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.

32. Where shall the next Conference be held? Parmele, N. C.



M. E. Church, Troy, N. C.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY.

Troy, N. C., Oct. 19, 1911.

The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its thirty-third session in First Methodist Episcopal Church of Troy, October 19th, 1911, Bishop W. F. Anderson, D. D., LLD., in the chair. The Bishop administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Dr. Taft, of North China Conference, the District Superintendents and the pastor of this church assisted in this service.

Roll Call—The secretary of last session called the roll and the following answered to their names: J. L. A. Bumgarner, D. D. Bailey, F. A. L. Clark, W. T. Clark, J. L. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, A. Graybeal, J. M. Heath, D. W. Haga, J. F. Matney, W. C. Matney, M. A. Matheson, W. S. Moore, W. A. Patton, L. J. Penley, J. L. Stephenson, J. B. Tricker, F. C. West, J. M. Fowler, R. L. Maness, K. L. Haga, J. J. Rhyne, M. W. Broyles, and J. N. S. Doub.

Organization—On motion, A. Graybeal was elected secretary with privilege of nominating his assistants. Accordingly, D. W. Haga was chosen. J. L. A. Bumgarner was chosen statistician and F. C. West assistant. M. A. Matheson was elected treasurer and J. L. Penley and K. L. Haga assistants.

Conference Bar—The center tier of seats and the tier to the left of the pulpit were reserved for the use of the members of the Conference.

Hours for Meeting and Adjourning—On motion of J. L. Dennis, it was ordered that the Conference open at 8:30 a. m., and close at 11:45 a. m.

Fourteenth uestion, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. W. A. Patton, D. S. of the Clyde District, J. L. Stephenson, superintendent of the Statesville District and J. F. Matney, superintendent of the Statesville District, were called, their characters passed and each reported the work on his district. The following effective elders were called an dafter the passage of their characters, reported their collections: D. L. Earnhardt, A. Graybeal, W.

S. Moore, M. A. Matheson, W. C. Matney, L. J. Penley, D. D. Bailey, J. M. Heath, F. A. L. Clark, J. L. Dennis, D. W. Haga, J. B. Tucker. The characters of S. A. Earnhardt, D. M. Matheson and Austin Wilson passed and their reports made by their district superintendents. The following probationers were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: F. C. West, J. M. Fowler, W. T. Clark, J. H. Fine, R. L. Maness, K. L. Haga. The following were passed in character, but were not present to report: W. H. Pless, W. G. Warren, C. G. Mendenhall, T. H. Eller. It was reported that J. J. Matney had gone to Missouri. J. L. A. Bumgarner was called and his character passed.

Standing Committees—Upon nominations of the district superintendents the following committees were appointed:

1. Public Worship—J. L. Dennis, J. F. Matney.
2. Conference Stewards—W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal, F. A. L. Clark, W. A. Patton, L. J. Penley.
3. Auditing—D. W. Haga, J. M. Fowler.
4. Benevolences—L. J. Penley, W. S. Moore.
5. Education—J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. C. Matney.
6. Reforms—T. E. Maness, J. L. Dennis.
7. State of the Church—District Superintendents.
8. Memoirs—A. Graybeal, J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. S. Moore.
9. Triers of Appeals—F. A. L. Clark, J. F. Usrey, W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal, J. L. Dennis.
10. Conference Relations—W. A. Patton, W. C. Matney, M. A. Matheson.
11. Sunday Schools—J. L. Stephenson, D. M. Matheson.
12. Epworth League—K. L. Haga and W. C. Matney.
13. Advocate Journal—D. L. Earnhardt, W. C. Matney, R. L. Maness.

By Laws—On motion of W. A. Patton, it was ordered that a committee on by-laws be appointed, said committee to report at the next session of our Annual Conference. The Bishop appointed the District Superintendents and W. A. Patton, W. S. Moore and J. L. A. Bumgarner.

Introductions—Prof. S. H. Thompson, business manager of the Methodist Advocate Journal, was introduced, and made a ver yinteresting address in the interest of the paper. Dr. Marcus L. Taft, of the North China Conference, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in a very impressive way on the work especially in Corea.

On motion, a statistical session was ordered for 3 o'clock today.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

Conference met according to adjournment at 3 o'clock, with Bishop Anderson in the chair. Rev. W. H. Wardell, of the New York East Conference, conducted the devotions.

Dr. E. C. Clemons, the field representative of Conference claimants, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Board. The address was well received.

Rev. W. H. Wardell was introduced, and spoke words of fatherly greeting, which touched every heart.

List of charges was called and all reports were passed to the statistical secretary and treasurer except Sylva and Harmony.

A draft of $300 from the Board of Conference Claimants was presented by the Bishop; draft made in favor of W. C. Matney, chairman of the Board of Conference Stewards.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Wardell.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Anderson in the chair. Devotions were conducted by the Bishop.

Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Question 6—"Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. R. L. Maness and K. L. Haga, having passed in the studies of the first year, upon recommendation of their District Superintendents, continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year. W. G. Warren, G. C. Mendenhall discontinued and J. J. Matney transferred to Missouri. T. H. Eller and W. H. Pless were continued in the studies of the first year. J. M. Fowler, F. C. West and J. H. Fine were called, their characters passed and they were advanced to the studies of the third year.

On motion of J. F. Matney, Autsin Wilson was granted the realtion of a superannuate and referred to the Conference stewards for favorable consideration.

Question 9—"What members are in the studies of the third year?" was taken up. D. J. White was passed in character and continued in the studies of this year. W. T. Clark was called, character passed and he was advanced to the

studies of the fourth year. D. L. Osborne was continued in his present relation. A. L. Latham was discontinued.

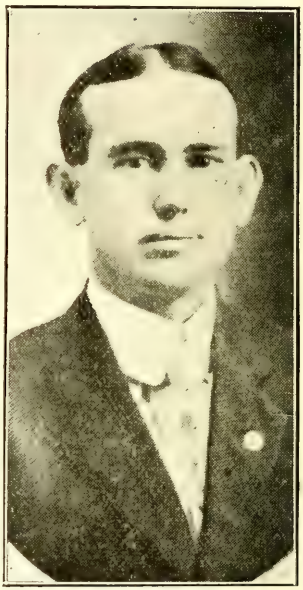
In virtue of the fact that at our session last year A. L. Johnson was entered discontinued under the impression that he was only a probationer in the Conference, and it being recorded in the Minutes of 1902 that he was received into full connection, it is therefore ordered that his name be restored to the list of Conference members.

Question 17—"Who have been located at their own request?" was asked. A. L. Johnson.

The Bishop delivered a soul-stirring and helpful lecture on the "Christian Ministry."

The usual questions to candidates for admission were

Rev. J. L. Stephenson, D. S., Traphill District.



Robert Kennedy, Lay Delegate to General Conf.

asked, after which J. M. Fowler, F. C. West and J. H. Fine were admitted to full membership.

Election of Delegates—M. A. Matheson and J. L. A. Bumgarner were appointed tellers. J. F. Matney was elected delegate to the General Conference, and A. Graybeal reserve, both of whom expressed their appreciation of the honors conferred.

A motion was made that we memorialize the General Conference to unite the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Mission Conferences. Dr. W. Q. A. Graham and Rev. J. H. Warren, superintendent of the Atlantic Mission Conference, made remarks on the subject. The motion carried.

Announcements were made. The Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon.

Conference met according to appointment at 4 o'clock, Bishop Anderson in the chair. After prayer, the minutes of the morning's sessio nwere read and approved.

Question 2—"Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of W. J. Plint and W. F. Graham from the Atlantic Mission Conference.

M. A. Matheson read his report as treasurer. See report, which was adopted.

The Bishop announced the transfer of J. L. Dennis from this Conference to the Atlantic Mission Conference.

The amount of $6.00 educational money left over for Clyde District from last year was appropriated to Etowah School.

Local educational collections on the Clyde District were appropriated to the schools at Etowah and Terasita, equally divided.

The secretary of the Conference Relief Fund read minutes of the meeting of the trustees of said fund. Report adopted.

The Conference authorized the sale of Aaron Seminary at Montezuma to the State, and the proceeds of such sale be used in erecting a Methodist Episcopal church on a lot reserved for that purpose from the campus.

Stewards made their report through W. C. Matney; $43 was voted to J. F. Usrey. Report adopted. The amount of $202.10, collected by the treasurer, J. L. Dennis, was appropriated to the use of the Conference to be used in connection with and in the same way as the regular missionary appropriation and that the amount be divided equally between the three districts, said amount to be paid over by Bro. Dennis quarterly.

The Conference ordered that the notes made by Bethel Church and by J. R. Cannon be donated to them.

Local educational collection from Traphill District was

ordered paid to Prof. Henry Patton in payment of amount due him for teaching at Montezuma.

Conference adjourned to meet this evening. Benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Conference met according to appointment at 8:30, with Bishop Anderson in the chair. After the devotional exercises, the business of the Conference was resumed.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read andapproved.

Rev. W. Q. A. Graham, D. D., Rev. J. H. Warren, Rev. W. J. Plint and Rev. W .F. Graham, of the Atlantic Mission Conference, were introduced to the Conference. Rev. N. M. Cooper, of the Free Methodist Church, and Rev. Ingram, of the Missionary Baptist Church, were introduced. Upon

Misenheimer School.

motion, it was ordered that we request the General Conference to give the name Blue Ridge-Atlantic to the Conference that will be made up of the two Conferences in North Carolina.

Question 22—"Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was asked. The Conference voted to accept the invitation of the Atlantic Mission Conference to meet with them at Parmale.

Committee on Resolutions was appointed, consisting of A. Graybeal and D. W. Haga.

Question 5—"Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. Thomas Stamey, from the Clyde District, B. A. Culp from the Statesville District, J. M. Wall, W. S. Thompson, and J. S. Green, from the Traphill District, all having come properly recommended and having passed in the books.

The Committee on Conference Relations offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we fix the limit above which we will not receive any preacher on trial at 45 years.

Resolved, Second, That we will receive no preacher on trial or into full membership who has the advice of a physician that he must use tobacco for his health, deeming it plain evidence that his health would not be sufficient for the work of an itinerant preacher.

Resolved, Third, That these resolutions be incorporated in the by-laws which have been ordered by this Conference.

W. C. MATNEY,
W. A. PATTON,
A. GRAYBEAL,
J. L. STEPHENSON,
Committee.

W. S. Thompson was admitted with the promise and agreement he will not become a Conference claimant. Accordingly, he signed the following:

I hereby agree and promise that I will not become a Conference claimant, from the fact that I am above the limit fixed for admitting members.

W. S. THOMPSON.

Troy, N. C., October 21, 1911.

Question 15—"Who have been transferred and to what Conference?" was asked. J. J. Matney, to Missouri.

Question 4—"Who have been received on credentials and from churches?" was asked.

The Conference went into executive session to consider the question of admitting C. W. Smith. Bro. Smtih made a full and satisfactory explanation of the course he took when he withdrew from the Conference. He now comes to us as a minister in the Baptist Church. Upon motion of J. L. Stephenson, he was received on his credentials and recognized as an elder and a full member of this Conference.

The Bishop delivered a masterly lecture on the subject of religion.

The statistical secretary, J. L. A. Bumgarner, made his report, which was adopted.

12th Question—"What others have been elected and ordained deacons?" Under the Missionary Rule, B. A. Culp, K. L. Haga, J. S. Green, J. M. Wall and W. S. Thompson.

13th Question—"Who have been elected and ordained elders as local preachers?" Troy E. Maness.

Conference adjourned to meet at 4 p. m. Benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon.

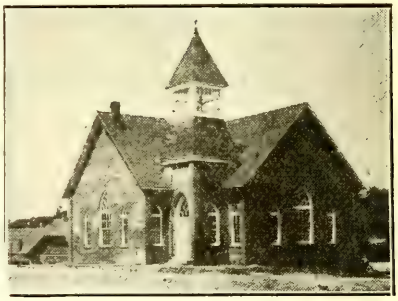
Conference met pursuant to adjournment, at 4 o'clock, Bishop Anderson in the chair. After the devotions the usual business of the Conference was taken up.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

It was announced that W. F. Graham, W. J. Plaint and W. O. A. Graham were transferred from the Atlantic Mission Conference.

M. A. Matheson read his report as treasurer. Report adopted.

Rev. W. A. Patton, D. S.
Clyde District.



M. E. Church, Canton, N. C.

J. F. Usrey was referred to the stewards for favorable consideration; $43 appropriated to him.

J. L. Dennis was announced transferred to the Atlantic Mission Conference.

Conference accepted a request from trustees of Aaron Seminary to sell the property and appropriate the proceeds to the erection of a Methodist Episcopal Church in Montezuma, on a lot to be reserved for that purpose from the campus.

A. Graybeal, secretary of Conference Relief Fund, read minutes of the meeting of the trustees o fsaid fund. Report adopted.

J. L. Dennis reported $202.10 collected on the notes. Note against J. R. Cannon donated to him. Note against Bethel Church donated. The amount of $202.10 was appropriated to the Conference to be used in connection with and administered in the same way as the regular missionary appropriation, said amount to be divided equally between the districts, Bro. Dennis being allowed to pay over the amount quarterly; $10.00 educational collection on Traphill District was paid to the former principal of Aaron Seminary; $6.00 educational collection on Clyde District appropriated to Etowah and the collection this year divided between Etowah and Terasita.

Conference adjourned to meet this evening.

THIRD DAY—Night Session.

Conference met according to appointment at 7:30, to complete the business of the session. Devotions were conducted by the pastor.

Minutes of our session read and approved.

The first quarter of $50.50 received from J. L. Dennis was turned over by the Bishop to the secretary of the trustees of the Conference Relief Fund, to go into the missionary appropriation.

J. L. Stephenson read report of Committee on Sunday Schools. Report adopted.

R. L. Maness read report of Committee on Advocate Journal. Adopted.

J. L. A. Bumgarner read report of Committee on Education. Report adopted.

By vote the Conference approved the work of the Bishop and his cabinet in the distribution of missionary funds.

By motion, it was ordered that the minutes of the Conference be made the official journel of the Conference.

Report on Benevolences read and adopted.

O nmotion of A. Graybeal, it was ordered that the pastors be required to pay $1.50 and District Superintendents

$3.00 on the publication of the Minutes and that the amounts be taken out of the first missionary appropriation, District Superintendents being responsible for self-supporting charges.

It was moved and carried that after the approval of the Minutes, the reading of the report of the Committee on Complimentary Resolutions, the ordination of deacons and elders, the religious exercises of tomorrow and the reading of the appointments the Conference adjourned.

Bishop Anderson, Rev. M. A. Matheson, Rev. K. L. Haga and Rev. J. H. Warren made addresses on education.

List of standing committees adopted as nominations for next session.

F. M. Presley's ordination papers recognized.

Conference adjourned.

This is to certify that the above is the official journal of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference, held at Troy, N. C., October 19-22, 1911.

A. GRAYBEAL, Secy.

This is to certify that Kelly L. Haga, John S. Green, John M. Wall, Winfield S. Thompson and B. A. Culp were ordained deacons by me at Troy, N. C., October 22, 1911.

W. F. ANDERSON.

This is to certify that I, being assisted by elders, ordained Troy E. Maness an elder in the Church of God.

Done at Troy, N. C., October 22, 1911.

W. F. ANDERSON.

Laymen's Meeting

The Blue Ridge Laymen's Association met at Troy, N. C., in connection with the Blue Ridge Annual Conference, October 21st, 1911, Bro. J. M. Long, of Tobaccoville, N. C., in the chair.

Brothers C. W. Smith, Laurel Branch, N. C., U. S. Randall, Canton, N. C., and I. E. Sanders, Troy, N. C., were elected vice-presidents.

J. T. Norris, Troy, N. C., was elected secretary.

C. W. Smith conducted the devotions.

The chairman made an interesting talk in the interest of the pastors' salaries. A number of the brethren spoke in the interest of the Laymen's Association in the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference. A resolution was offered and carried that each layman present organize a Laymen's Association in their respective churches and try earnestly to get the Laymen's Association effectively organized in every church on each charge in the Conference. An din view thereof we, as members of the Laymen's Association of the Blue Ridge Conference, pledge ourselves to go to work as never before for the support of our pastors.

It was moved that we adopt the by-laws which were passed at the Annual Conference held at Clyde, N. C., in 1903.

MINUTES OF THE BLUE RIDGE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

Convened at Troy, N. C., October 20, 1911, with the following delegates in attendance:

R. C. Kennedy, C. W. Smith, L. T. Adams, W. W. Eastrege, W. L. Carter, M. E. Alman, U. S. Randle, T. L. Harris, J. M. Long, S. A. Padget, I. E. Saunders, Mrs. D. I. L. Smathers.

By the vote of the Lay Electoral Conference, Mr. R. C. Kennedy, of Bessemer City, N. C., was elected lay delegate and Mr. C. R. Harris reserve delegate to the General Conference to convene in Minneapolis, May, 1912.

The Lay Electoral Conference unanimously voted to memorialize the General Conference to change the date of

the opening of the General Conference from the first Wednesday to the first secular day of May.

J. M. LONG, Chairman.
TROY E. MANESS, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

1. **Name**—This Association shall be called the Laymen's Association of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

2. **Place of Meeting.**—It shall meet annually at the place of meeting of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference at such time as may be arranged by the executive committee.

3. **Objects.**—Its objects shall be to interest the lay members throughout the bounds of the Blue Ridge Conference in the affairs of the church and to bestir them to greater efficiency in advancing the cause of God.

4. **Membership.**—The membership of this Association shall consist of its officers and all committees appointed by said Association at its annual meetings, and all committees appointed by the executive committee between the sessions of the annual meetings and one delegate from each pastoral charge to be elected at the fourth quarterly conference or in such manner as the lay members may determine. One reserve delegate shall also be elected. The election of a person to an office or the appointment on a committee shall constitute him or her a member of the Association.

5. **Officers.**—The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President from each District, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Said officers shall be elected annually and shall serve until their successors are elected, and shall perform such duties as are usual to their respective offices.

6. **Executive Committee.**—There shall be an executive committee, consisting of the officers named in Section 5. The duties of said committee shall be to make all necessary arrangements as to place and time of meeting of the Association, prepare a program of exercises for each session, secure speakers, and perform all other needed work as a committee of arrangements, and report the same at commencement of each meeting.

7. **Amendments.**—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

W. C. Matney—President.

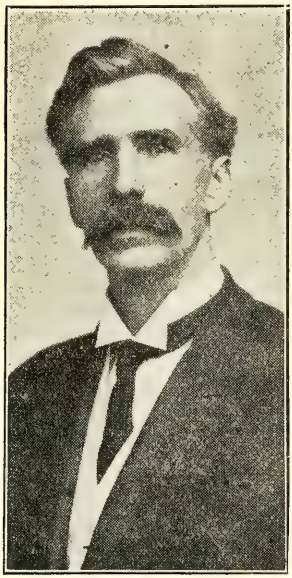
A. Graybeal—Secretary.

J. L. Dennis—Treasurer.

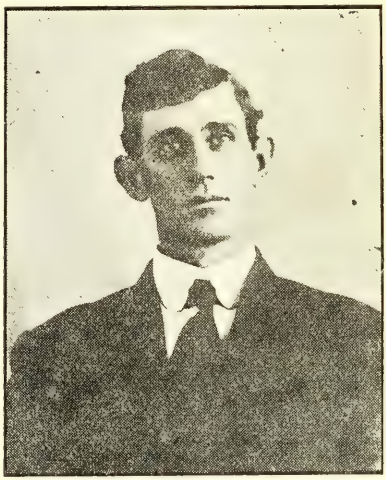
Additional Members—J. L. Dennis, M. A. Matheson, J. L. A. Bumgarner, District Superintendents members ex-officio.

Upon motion, the following was recommended:

That the amounts in the collector's hands be turned over to the Bishop and his cabinet to be added to the missionary appropriation for the year to be administered in connection with said appropri-



Rev. J. T. Matney, Delegate to General Conf.



Rev. M. A. Matheson, Treas.

ation. And that the amounts collected during the coming year be disposed of in the same way at the next session of our Conference, and so on.

J. L. Dennis, the collector, reported that he had collected during the year $202.10.

Meeting adjourned.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the

faithful service of Brother J. L. Dennis, pastor of this church, and of the Entertainment committee associated with him for the satisfactory and delightful entertainment provided for the ministers and the laymen attending this session.

Resolved, That we desire to express our sincere gratitude to our various hosts in Troy, N. C., for the delightful hospitality of their homes during our stay in their midst.

Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks and record our good wishes to the various official visitors who have visited and addressed our Conference, touching the various interests of the Church committed to their charge, namely, S. H. Thompson, representing the Book Concern and the Methodist Advocate Journal; E. C. Clemans, representing the Board of Conference Claimants; Marcus L. Taft, D. D., of the North China Conference, representing the Board of Foreign Missions; A. Graybeal, representing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and Bishop William F. Anderson, representing the Board of Education.

Resolved, That we heartily esteem the brotherly advice and able administration of our resident Bishop, William F. Anderson, and beg to assure him of our brotherly feeling towards him in his relation to us as a Conference; and owing to the conditions and needs of this territory and of his general knowledge of the same, we feel his administration is indispensable, and therefore respectfully petition the Board of Bishops to assign him to the superintendency of our Blue Ridge Conference the next year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. GRAYBEAL,
D. W. HAGA.

Troy, N. C., October 22, 1911.

BENEVOLENCES.

Your Committee on Benevolences earnestly recommend that each pastor do his utmost to collect all the benevolences in full.

D. D. BAILEY,
W. S. MOORE.

"REFORMS."

Sabbath was made for man; for man's benefit; to exact, to live, to preserve, not to enslave.

It is a shame and an act of oppression to take it from him. It is a matter of extortion to take from the poor man the day that, if properly observed, keeps him from exhaustion and decay, in order that his employer may get the last drop of his life's service.

The heathen world does that, and in the heathen world it is lord and slave. God's legislation, Bible legislation, is calculated to make men free and equal, the opposite of lord and slave.

Whereas, the most recent statistics show that man is longer lived, more effective, more intelligent and more moral under a six-day system of toil, and,

Whereas, the quiet, thoughtful type of Sunday has been from the first a characteristic of American life, law and history, and, whereas, there is a growing tendency to utilize Sunday for various sorts of business and for noisy sports;

We, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, do hereby enter our protest against this tendency, and insist that nothing but works of real necessity and mercy should be allowed on Sunday.

We pledge ourselves as loyal to the principles of our civilization and to the best interests of our fellowmen.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. MANESS,
J. L. DENNIS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Your Committee on Sunday School recommend:

First, Resolved, That we as a Conference promise our hearty co-operation in devoting special interest to aggressive Sunday School work.

Second, That we pledge our efforts to have all our Sunday Schools organized into Missionary Societies.

Third, That we as pastors and District Superintendents, enforce the work in all our charges at each point.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. STEPHENSON.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Received from Book Concern	$389.00
Received from Chartered Fund	30.00
Received from Consecration Fund	300.00
Received from Conference Collections	114.00
Total	$833.00

Disbursed as follows:

D. N. Franklin	$100.00
Mrs. A. J. Johnson	50.00
Mrs. D. M. Clayton	50.00
Mrs. Edwin Anderson	25.00
J. J. Rhyne	25.00
Mrs. J. H. Rominger	10.00
Mrs. C. F. Casstevens	75.00
W. J. Evans	50.00
D. A. Lanair	75.00

M. W. Broyles	75.00
J. N. S. Doub	75.00
D. M. Matheson	80.00
Austin Wilson	100.00
J. F. Usrey	43.00
Total to Claimants	$833.00

We, the Conference Board Stewards, recommend that we, the members of this Conference, raise during the ensuing year at least $250 for our Conference Claimants. That this amount be proportioned equally among the Districts, and that each District Superintendent apportion the amount expected from his District among the pastoral charges.

W. C. MATNEY,
A. GRAYBEAL,
F. A. L. CLARK,
W. A. PATTON,
L. J. PRESSLEY.

We, your Committee on Advocate Journal, realizing that through the medium of a church paper the people learn of the condition and workings, also wanted information in regard to Church affairs, therefroe be it

Resolved, First, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Conference, do all we can to place the Advocate in every Methodist home within our charge next year; and,

Second, That we extend to Prof. Thompson our thanks for his earnest labor among us and the kind offers made us upon subscription.

Respectfully submitted,
D. L. EARNHARDT,
R. L. MANESS.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

To Bishop Anderson, and My Co-Workers in the Blue Ridge Conference—Greeting:

I offer this, my report of the first year's work on the Clyde District, as Superintendent. When I began the work I found the District not what I expected, but in debt nearly $4,000; and the spiritual condition low and a great many of our Methodist people confused and some of our preachers not in harmony with our doctrine. I have preached and maintained the doctrines of our Church and insisted on all our preachers on the District to do the same. And some of the results are the glad cry of nearly 1,000 precious souls born into the Kingdom of God.

The younger preachers of the District have studied the doctrines of the Church with an eye single to a richer experience, and at every appiintment I found the people hungry for more of the Christ and a more definite witness of the Spirit. All of the brethren, with one or two exceptions, have done a splendid year's work. More than half of the indebtedness of the District has been cancelled this year, and as the pastors turned their faces toward Troy they could feel in their souls that for His name's sake and by His help success had crowned their labor on the hard field they had turned their backs upon.

We are sorry we cannot report all our claims paid in full. We think they are considerably in advance of last year. We believe there is but one remedy for the financial side of the work, and that remedy will cover the entire field, spiritual, numerical and financial —that is a deep and thoroughly consecrated ministry and laymen. Brethren, I believe the great and crying need of our Conference to-day is not more men nor greater preachers, nor better educated men; but a ministry that can truly say Lord, let every purpose of

Etowah School, W. H. Pless, Principal.

thine be fulfilled in me. The people everywhere are hungry for the old time Gospel; they want the Christ, they want His standard, and if this is met I believe the financial side will come up. Yet I will say for the preachers on Clyde District, they are loyal men and all of us are in necessity, but none of us like the Apostle Paul, seem to glory in our necessities and most of us would rather have less

work and more pay. But in our hard fields we are asking Him who knows best what is good for us to help us to be faithful and true and on the better places help us to be humble and thankful. In a brief way we want to speak of each charge.

Asheville, with Bro. D. L. Earnhardt as pastor has had a good year; there have been about 85 professions and 54 accessions; ..... paid on indebtedness.

Bro. Earnhardt is a faithful pastor, a good preacher and a safe man, a man who is always humble and does a great deal more in his quiet way than he gets credit for. He was one of the principal men in the all claims paid in full purchase and of the Canton lots, and one of the factors in us owning the splendid property we own at Canton.

Canton, Rev. A. Graybeal, pastor, has been a very successful year, although a year of incessant toil for the pastor. I want to say to his credit that it is largely through his untiring efforts that we have the splendid edifice at Canton; (yet Earnhardt, Dennis and Matney have all been great factors in the successful work). Bro. Graybeal has collected and paid out on indebtedness, ...; had 243 professions, 90 accessions, over 80 in advance of last year's accessions.

Clyde Charge, Bro. W. S. Moore, pastor.—This has been one of the most successful years in the history of the charge. There has been an advance on all lines. Bro. Moore is one of our strong men all around, a strong preacher, a good financier. He comes to Conference with a splendid report, and the people are asking for his return. He has had 85 conversions, 60 accessions. All claims paid in full.

Culberson Charge, Bro. F. C. West, pastor.—He is one of the young men of the Conference and has been a faithful pastor and brings a good report to the brethren. There have been on the charge 165 professions, 56 accessions. The people are asking for his return for another year. All claims paid in full.

Etowah, Bro. M. A. Matheson, pastor. This has been a good year for Etowah. It would have been better, but Bro. Matheson has had charge of the school at Etowah and could not give the work on the circuit as much attention as it should have had, yet it is a good year, with 25 professions, 11 accessions, ... raised for indebtedness, $50 in advance of last year.

Haysville, with Bro. J. M. Fowler as the successful pastor, has done a splendid year's work on the Haysville charge, besides helpful in several revivals on some of the other charges. He comes to Troy with a splendid report—86 professions, 33 accessions. The people are unanimous in wanting him returned another year. All claims met in full.

Leicester, W. C. Matney, has had a good year. Bro. Matney, one of the veteran preachers of the Conference, is well known among the brethren and needs no comment as to his ability and faithfulness. Has had 70 conversions, 60 accessions. All claims paid in full.

Marion.—Bro. Penley brings to Conference a splendid report. We think this has been the best year in the history of the charge. Bro. Penley has raised and paid over $100 on indebtedness at Black Mountain. Also comes to Conference with all claims met in full and pastor's salary overpaid; have been 86 professions, 43 accessions, and the work in fine shape except one appointment. The people are asking for his return.

Pisgah.—Bro. Latham was assigned to the Pisgah work, stayed but a little while and went to the M. E. Church South, left the people confused. We then supplied the work with Bro. Ballew. His wife was in bad health and he had to give up the work. This was another set back. Then Bro. Taylor was supplied, and I am glad to say after all Pisgah comes out at the end of the year triumphant and full of hope; has paid up every claim in full; for the time Bro. Taylor has had charge, 48 professions, 12 accessions, all claims paid in full.

Sylva was supplied by W. G. Warren and from some cause the work has not succeeded as it should.

Unaka was supplied by Bro. Hampton, who failed to go to the work. Bro. West was then put on the work. Sickness and other things hindered the work and it has not been as successful as it should.

Teresita.—Bro. Pless in charge, has had a good year. Bro. Pless sends us his report with all claims met in full. He is one of our promising young men, full of zeal and spirit. Has 15 accessions, 48 professions.

The preachers will report improvement on the several charges. I have tried to be faithful in the Master's cause. I have toiled side by side with the pastors in their hard fields.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. PATTON.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

This District includes fifteen counties; is about 185 miles in length and varies in width from 80 to 125 miles, taking in the greater part of the piedmont section of the State. Personally I have missed no appointment; have preached 175 times; have made many pastoral visits and have been in revival work much of the year; have visited and preached in most every church in the District during the year. I have made especial effort during the year

to secure for our pastors a better support. Our District on the whole is able to report progress. In finances we have made some gains. The preachers have all done honest and faithful work that has been attended with a fair measure of success.

To report the work more in detail I would call attention to the various charges by name.

Caldwell Circuit, under S. A. Earnhardt, has had prosperity with conversions and accessions to the church. This is his third prosperous year on that charge. On this charge we have purchased church property in the town of Statesville, which adds much to our cause in that part of the country. The church stands in a thriving part of the city and is destined to prosper.

On Chandler charge the pastor, W. T. Clark, has built one new church, one of the best in the Conference. This charge has had prosperity throughout.

Casar charge has been faithfully serevd by the pastor, D. M. Matheson, with some degree of success, conversions and accessions to the church at most all the appointments.

King's Mountain Circuit comes up in its report the banner charge of the District. B. M. Jackson, the man we reinstated at our last Annual Conference, went back on us and joined the Church South. I employed B. A. Culp, a local preacher, to supply the work, who has done most excellent work, and has had 196 conversions and 64 accessions to the church; and every dollar of the assessment met, and most all church indebtedness paid off. The prospect on that charge has never been so good.

Glass Circuit has had another good year under the labors of the pastor, J. M. Heath. The work has grown; something over $300 improvements on church property.

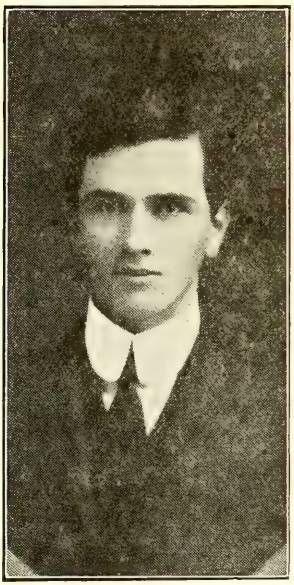
Troy Charge has had the vigorous pastor, J. L. Dennis, to aid it on to victory. This charge has been blessed with revivals at every appointment. The work is in good shape. We feel very thankful to Bro. Dennis and the members o fthis church for these new seats and the nice improvements made on the church.

Walktertown Circuit.—D. D. Bailey has made progress. Good hard work has been done, and not in vain.

Harmony Charge.—Austin Wilson, the young and able preacher, had prosperity the two first quarters, after which he and his wife both broke down in health and had to give up the work. I hope Bro. Wilson may have the prayers of the Conference for his speedy recovery.

Climax Circuit.—J. F. Usrey, pastir, has made only moderate progress. The pastor has been hindered in his work by the sickness of his wife. I see no hope for our cause on that charge.

Misenheimer Charge is one of our most important appointments, on account of the school which has so recently been erected by our Woman's Home Missionary Society. This school, which is placed at Misenheimer, accommodated about 85 girls and boys last year. The session, which lasted nine months, closed May 16 and 17, with wonderful success. The school for the present year opened September 14, with 99 students. The Woman's Home Missionary Society intends this to be the educational center of the Blue Ridge Conference. Its success means much for our cause in this country. Almost in sight of the school building stands the District parsonage which has been built this year, a splendid house of five large



Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner,
Statistician.

A. Graybeal, Secretary.

rooms. Much labor has been given, many difficulties have been overcome in raising means for the building of the parsonage, but it only causes its occupants to enjoy its comforts all the more.

A few yards from the parsonage stands a beautiful church, an old school building which we have remodeled, seated and painted during the year. Through the influence of the school and the untiring efforts of the pastor, Bro. F. A. L. Clark, the membership is increasing. The Sunday school and church work in general is prospering wonderfully. In church and parsonage building and im-

provements there has been $3,300 improvements this year. There have been about 400 conversions and 200 accessions to the church. This has been one of the best years of my life. To God be all the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MATNEY.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:—

I submit this my second year's report of the Traphill District to the Blue Ridge Annual Conference held at Troy, N. C., October 19-22, 1911.

The Traphill District embraces a part of 14 counties, covering a large portion of the mountains of Western North Carolina.

I have traveled about 5,000 miles by private conveyance. Have crossed many dangerous streams of water and have also traveled over snow and ice many miles on foot. Have also traveled late at night and on one occasion I found it necessary to stay upon a river's bank in "God's big out of doors" all night, having been hemmed in by high waters. Much of my traveling was done many days during heat and cold, thunder storms and rain.

But during it all I have been late only a few times and have filled all my appointments. I have preached more than 220 times, administered the Sacrament more than 50 times, baptized 11 children and 16 adults. Feeling that I have done my best, I here give the report of each circuit.

Ararat Circuit.—Rev. J. H. Fine, pastor. This was a new work except Pine Hill church. Bro. Fine has organized nine new classes this year, also bought and secured by donation 3 church houses valued at $1,000 each with at present an indebtedness of only $400 remaining. The people are preparing to build at some of the other points and are asking for Bro. Fine's return as their pastor for next year; and he is a "Fine" worker and organizer.

Bakersville Circuit.—Rev. J. J. Matney, pastor. Bro. Matney served this charge until the latter part of the month of July, at which time he was released because of ill health, after which the District Superintendent served as best he could.

Boone Circuit.—Rev. G. W. Warren was assigned to this charge, but was released before going to the charge. Then Rev. C. G. Mendenhall was supplied, but was compelled to resign at the end of the first quarter because of sickness. Rev. M. C. Arnold was then placed in charge until the third quarterly conference, at which time he was released because of his inability to fill the appointments; after which the services of the District Superintendent were demanded and he did the best he could, thereby leaving the work in pretty good condition.

Creston Circuit.—This circuit was left to be supplied and Rev. J. N. S. Doub was placed in charge and has done a faithful year's work.

Elkin Circuit.—Rev. R. L. Maness, pastor. Bro. Maness has worked hard on this circuit and success has crowned his labors.

Green Mountain Circuit.—After Bro. Mendenhall was released from this charge it was then supplied by Rev. A. Traylor, who has labored faithfully, organizing one new class, and the people call for his return.

Laurel Branch Circuit.—Bro. K. L. Haga was released from this charge to supply Wilkesboro work, and Rev. R. L. Maness served the charge well during the year.

Lansing Circuit.—Supplied by Revs. T. A. Farmer and H. Weaver, who have been faithful.

Montezuma Circuit.—This work was to be supplied and the people insisted that Rev. D. W. Haga remain another year, which was granted, and he has had good success as reports will show.

Pond Mountain Circuit.—Supplied by Rev. H. A. Blankenship, who has succeeded in organizing four new classes.

Traphill Circuit.—Rev. T. H. Eller, pastor. Bro. Eller was faithful at his post.

Wilkesboro Circuit.—After Rev. D. W. Haga was released from this work, Rev. K. L. Haga supplied the work faithfully and success crowned his labors as reports show.

Yadkin Circuit.—Rev. D. J. White, pastor. Bro. White has done faithful work on this charge.

Zion Circuit.—Rev. J. B. Tucker, pastor. Bro. Tucker has done a very good year's work.

Roaring River.—This work has had no pastor, as it was a new field with no missionary money for assistance beside a pastor.

Fourteen new classes have been organized in the District and an increase will show on nearly all the vital points connected with church work.

The pastors have been faithful in all their sacrifices, privations and labors. Our watchword has been "A thousand souls for Christ," and besides the pastoral labor, Rev. C. W. Smith and Rev. T. E. Maness gave us valuable assistance in this great work as evangelists.

Our battle cry is "Onward." Brethren, help us by your co-labors and prayers.

J. L. STEPHENSON, D. S.

STATISTICS NO. 1. CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1911.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property					
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars including Cradle Roll and Home Dept.	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building, Improving Churches & Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property
Asheville	1	257	1	5	5	34	5	23	235	5	$ 5,400	1	$ 750	$ 40	$.....	$.....
Canton	...	343	1	..	15	52	3	18	300	4	10,000	..	.....	.....	1,500	1,300
Clyde	...	435	..	8	30	60	6	30	300	5	5,000	2	2,600	200	.....	.....
Culberson	...	300	..	..	2	38	4	20	175	4	5,200	1	750	100	.....	.....
Etowah	...	160	2	2	3	8	2	10	100	4	4,200	1	800	100	.....	21
Hayesville	5	178	..	2	...	20	2	8	100	4	2,000	1	500	100	.....	27
Leicester	3	360	..	3	9	13	7	46	345	6	9,000	1	2,000	500	.....	.....
Marion	...	260	1	1	4	33	3	17	150	4	4,700	1	700	.....	300	219
Pisgah	...	200	1	2	...	12	4	20	100	4	4,900	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Sylvia	...	72	1	..	...	...	2	7	65	3	2,500	1	250	.....	.....	.....
Teresita	...	100	..	..	...	...	...	....	.....	2	2,000	1	300	.....	.....	.....
Unaka	...	90	2	2	...	...	...	....	.....	4	3,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	9	2,755	9	25	68	270	38	199	1,870	49	57,900	11	9,650	1,040	1,800	1,567
Statesville	22	2,511	13	27	79	39	38	234	1,970	50	48,700	8	7,500	2,636	365	437
Traphill	25	3,229	25	14	20	293	56	328	2,892	61	43,700	5	2,800	1,044	150	400
Grand Total	56	8,490	47	66	167	602	132	759	6,732	160	$150,300	24	$19,950	$4,720	$2,315	$2,404
Total last year	175	7,804	55	71	82	442	126	672	6,209	154	136,700	24	18,625	7,108	402	3,642
Gain	...	686	..	..	85	160	...	87	523	6	13,600	..	1,325	.....	1,913	.....
Loss	119	.....	9	5	...	...	...	....	.....	...	.....	..	.....	2,388	.....	1,238

STATISTICS NO. 1. STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1911.

Caldwell	...	265	1	4	10	2	4	25	155	7	$ 4,000	..	$.....	$ 75	$.....	$ 340
Casar	5	363	..	..	15	15	3	15	150	6	5,000	1	600	.....	.....	.....
Chandler	3	212	..	1	6	8	3	20	150	5	3,500	1	500	1,000	.....	.....
Climax	...	30	..	2	...	...	1	4	60	3	600	..		.....	.....	.....
Glass	4	220	2	1	18	7	4	25	212	4	5,000	1	2,500	.....	150	.....
Gastonia or King's Mt.	...	265	3	4	11	35	5	35	285	5	8,000	1	800	.....	215	7
Harmony	...	265	1	..	...	...	5	25	300	5	3,000	1	500	.....	.....	.....
Misenheimer	5	275	4	2	5	4	3	35	200	3	2,700	2	1,600	1,250	.....	50
Pine Bluff	...	16	..	2	1	...	1	4	20	1	1,200	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy	...	300	1	4	12	3	5	25	200	6	8,000	..	.....	300	.....	40
Walkertown	5	300	1	7	1	5	4	21	238	5	7,700	1	1,000	11	.....	.....
Total	22	2,511	13	27	79	39	38	234	1,970	50	$ 48,700	8	$ 7,500	$2,636	$ 365	$ 437

STATISTICS NO 1. TRAPHILL DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1911.

Ararat	4	170	1	..	...	75	5	30	290	4	$ 3,500	..	$.....	$ 200	$.....	$ 400
Bakersville	...	200	..	..	3	18	3	16	175	4	4,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boone	...	175	1	..	11	15	6	22	163	6	2,700	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Creston	2	272	4	2	...	5	6	40	264	6	3,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elkin	...	175	1	..	...	38	3	18	75	3	2,700	..	.....	187	.....	.....
Green Mountain	...	55	1	1	...	5	2	8	85	2	1,500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lansing	5	246	5	..	...	21	3	20	200	6	5,000	1	500	.....	.....	.....
Laurel Branch	...	115	..	1	...	21	3	19	115	3	2,700	..	.....	277	.....	.....
Montezuma	14	314	..	5	1	18	6	37	365	5	3,500	1	700	30	.....	.....
Pond Mountain	...	200	2	1	...	22	3	12	200	3	1,500	..	.....	50	.....	.....
Traphill	...	150	..	..	...	8	1	6	65	3	2,800	1	300	.....	.....	.....
Wilkesboro	...	337	6	1	4	1	4	35	300	5	4,300	..	.....	.....	150	.....
Yadkin	...	375	1	2	...	38	5	30	250	5	3,000	1	500	300	.....	.....
Zion	...	445	3	1	1	8	6	35	345	6	3,500	1	800	.....	.....	.....
Total	25	3,229	25	14	20	293	56	328	2,892	61	$ 43,700	5	$ 2,800	$1,044	$ 150	$ 400

CLYDE DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of All Grades	Average Attendance of All Grades	No. Members in Home Dept.	No. Children on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment in all Departments, Including Cradle Roll and Home Department	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept., Who Are Church Members or Probationers.	No. Members of Sunday School Converted During Year.	Current Expenses	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools
Asheville	5	23	205	185	10	20	235	23	175	53	$ 28	$.	$.
Canton	3	18	300	.....	14	30	344	...	.....	...	....	..	..
Clyde	6	30	300	250	..	..	300	30	250	40	60	..	..
Culberson	4	20	175	.....	..	..	175	...	.....	...	15	..	..
Etowah	2	10	100	75	..	..	100	5	.....	...	15	1	..
Hayesville	2	8	100	80	..	..	100	7	50	10	10	..	..
Leicester	6	46	345	218	..	..	345	38	205	60	42	3	3
Marion	3	17	150	125	..	..	150	10	.....	25	45	..	..
Pisgah	4	20	150	.....	..	..	150	...	.....	...	....	..	..
Sylva	2	7	65	.....	..	..	65	...	.....	...	....	..	..
Teresita	1	7	65	45	..	..	65	...	.....	...	10	..	..
Unaka	...	...	.....	.....	..	..	.....	...	.....	...	....	..	..
Total	38	206	1,955	978	24	50	2,229	129	680	188	255	4	3
Statesville	38	231	1,900	1,260	..	..	825	151	325	95	199	..	..
Traphill	58	330	2,944	1,407	..	..	1,847	260	1,482	346	169	1	1
Grand Total	134	767	6,799	3,645	24	50	4,701	538	2,487	629	$623	$5	$4
Total last year	125	678	5,653	3,388	30	60	4,080	446	1,558	466	476	..	13
Gain	9	89	1,146	257	..	..	621	92	1,129	163	147	5	..
Loss	...	...	.....	.....	6	10	.....	...	.....	...	....	..	9

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Caldwell	4	22	155	150	..	..	.....	...	.....	...	$...	$.	$.
Casar	3	15	150	100	..	..	.....	15	.....	...	5	..	..
Chandler	3	20	150	125	..	..	125	20	.....	8	10	..	..
Climax	1	4	60	40	..	..	60	3	.....	...	....	..	..
Glass	4	25	212	160	..	..	160	20	.....	25	30	..	..
Gastonia, K. Mt.	5	35	285	215	..	..	285	34	200	32	40	..	..
Harmony	5	25	230	.....	..	..	.....	...	.....	...	30	..	..
Misenheimer	3	35	200	165	..	..	.....	35	.....	20	30	..	..
Pine Bluff	1	4	20	20	..	..	20	1	.....	...	....	..	..
Troy	5	25	200	150	..	..	175	23	125	10	25	..	..
Walkertown	4	21	238	135	..	..	.....	...	.....	...	29	..	..
Total	38	231	1,900	1,260	..	..	825	151	325	95	$199	$.	$.

TRAPHILL DISTRICT.

Ararat	5	30	240	200	..	..	250	20	.....	15	$...	$.	$.
Bakersville	3	16	175	.....	..	..	175	12	100	37	12	..	..
Boone	6	22	163	130	..	..	163	20	130	20	12	..	..
Creston	6	40	311	.....	..	..	264	40	200	8	16	..	..
Elkin	3	18	75	.....	..	..	75	17	.....	13	16	..	..
Green Mountain	2	8	85	60	..	..	93	8	42	10	10	..	..
Lansing	5	20	200	165	..	..	.....	20	150	50	20	1	..
Laurel Branch	3	19	115	.....	..	..	.....	19	65	25	12	..	..
Montezuma	6	37	365	195	..	..	365	34	125	50	25	..	1
Pond Mountain	3	12	200	140	..	..	212	10	150	26	15	..	..
Traphill	1	6	65	.....	..	..	.....	...	.....	...	....	..	..
Wilkesboro	4	35	300	.....	..	..	.....	...	.....	...	....	..	..
Yadkin	5	32	250	272	..	..	250	30	180	40	22	..	..
Zion	6	35	400	345	..	..	.....	30	340	30	30	..	..
Total	58	300	2,944	1,407	..	..	1,847	260	1,482	346	169	1	1

STATISTICS NO. 3. CLYDE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1911.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT							Sup. of Conf. Claim'ts		Sup. of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Conference Claimants, Dist. Supts. and Bishops	Current Expenses		
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS													
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Church, Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Sunday Schls: Les., Lvs, Bks, Etc.	Total
Asheville	D. L. Earnhardt..	$ 250	$ 60	$ 310	$ 260	$ 60	$ 320	$...	$ 2	$ 2	$ 32	$ 34	$ 2	$ 2	$ 358	$ 5	$ 32	$ 37
Canton	A. Graybeal	500	.....	500	.....	.....	450	50	2	2	40	40	1	1	493	30	30	60
Clyde	W. S. Moore	435	100	535	440	100	540	....	1	1	40	42	1	1	584	20	60	80
Culberson	F. C. West	350	50	400	350	50	400	....	....	....	32	32	....	....	432	....	15	15
Etowah	M. A. Matheson..	235	50	285	200	50	250	35	5	5	34	34	1	1	290	2	15	17
Hayesville	J. M. Fowler	200	50	250	200	50	250	....	....	....	40	40	....	....	290	10	10	20
Leicester	W. C. Matney	400	100	500	400	100	500	....	5	5	42	42	2	2	549	50	42	92
Marion	J. L. Penley	260	50	310	270	50	320	....	5	5	38	38	1	1	364	10	45	55
Pisgah	T. L. Taylor	255	100	350	250	100	355	....	....	....	32	32	....	....	387	....	.....	....
Sylva	W. G. Warren	120	24	144	72	24	96	48	....	....	13	13	....	....	109	....	.....	....
Teresiga	W. H. Pless	100	50	150	127	50	170	....	....	....	40	40	....	....	217	....	.....	....
Unaka	M. A. West	58	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	....	2	2	24	24	1	1	85	....	.....	....
Total	.....	3,163	634	3,797	3,082	634	3,716	133	22	22	407	411	9	9	4,158	127	249	376
Statesville	.....	2,798	365	3,163	2,572	365	2,937	326	74	74	365	367	20	20	3,398	165	163	328
Traphill	.....	2,838	340	3,178	2,381	340	2,721	477	21	21	390	400	17	17	315	151	130	281
Grand Total.	.....	$8,799	$1,339	$10,138	$7,935	$1,339	$9,374	$936	$117	$117	$1,162	$1,178	$46	$46	$10,715	$443	$542	$985
		8,042	1,205	9,317	6,930	1,205	8,215	1658	79	86	1,034	1,038	45	36	8,963	275	487	762
Gain	.....	757	134	821	1,005	134	1,159	....	38	31	128	140	1	10	1,752	168	55	223
Loss	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	722	....									

STATISTICS NO. 3. STATESVILLE DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1911.

Caldwell	S. A. Earnhardt	$ 175	$.....	$ 175	$ 165	$.....	$ 165	$ 10	$ 3	$ 3	$ 30	$ 30	$ 1	$ 1	$ 199	$...	$...	$...
Casar	D. M. Matheson	400	60	460	230	60	290	170	8	8	40	40	1	1	337	10	15	25
Chandler	W. T. Clark	250	25	275	232	25	257	18	8	8	36	36	2	2	303	10	10	20
Climax	J. F. Usrey	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	15	....	2	2	3	3	....	....	20	....	.....	....
Glass	J. M. Heath	256	50	306	271	50	321	....	8	8	32	39	2	2	370	15	15	30
Gastonia	B. A. Culp	350	60	410	350	60	410	....	10	10	40	40	2	2	462	60	25	85
Harmony	Austin Wilson	362	50	412	269	50	319	93	4	4	35	35	2	2	360	....	30	30
Misenheimer	F. A. L. Clark	300	60	360	300	60	360	....	6	6	32	32	2	2	400	30	18	48
Pine Bluff	W. H. Wardell	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	60	....	....	....	5	5	....	....	65	....	.....	....
Troy	J. L. Dennis	350	.....	350	360	.....	360	....	5	5	52	52	4	4	421	25	25	50
Walkertown	D. D. Bagley	355	60	415	320	60	380	35	20	20	60	55	4	4	459	15	25	40
		$2,798	$ 365	$ 3,163	$2,572	$ 365	$2,937	$326	$ 74	$ 74	$ 365	$ 367	$20	$20	$ 3,398	$165	$163	$328

STATISTICS NO. 3. TRAPHILL DISTRICT, BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE, FOR 1911.

Ararat	J. H. Fine	$ 195	$.....	$ 195	$ 200	$.....	$ 200	$...	$ 1	$ 1	$ 20	$ 20	$..	$..	$ 222	$...	$...	$...
Bakersville	J. J. Matney	250	50	300	200	50	250	50	....	....	32	30	....	....	280	20	12	32
Boone	J. P. Matney	175	.....	175	175	.....	175	....	1	1	32	32	1	1	209	....	.....	....
Creston	J. N. S. Doub	175	.....	175	130	.....	130	45	2	2	28	26	2	2	160	16	.....	16
Elkin	R. L. Maness	115	.....	115	100	.....	100	15	....	....	20	23	1	1	124	15	.....	15
Green Mountain	A. Traylor	100	.....	100	75	.....	75	25	....	....	20	20	1	1	96	10	10	20
Lansing	T. A. Farmer, H. Weaver	300	50	350	200	50	250	100	1	1	40	40	2	2	293	20	20	40
Laurel Branch	R. L. Maness	135	50	185	150	50	200	....	....	....	20	34	1	1	235	....	12	12
Montezuma	D. W. Haga	400	40	440	341	40	381	59	8	8	40	40	2	2	431	20	25	45
Pond Mountain	H. A. Blankenship	140	.....	140	140	.....	140	....	....	....	24	22	1	1	163	20	15	35
Traphill	T. H. Eller	150	50	200	140	50	190	10	1	1	20	20	1	1	212	....	.....	....
Wilkesboro	K. L. Haga	240	.....	240	145	.....	145	95	2	2	32	32	2	2	181	....	.....	....
Yadkin	D. J. White	200	50	250	160	50	210	40	2	2	32	31	2	2	245	20	16	36
Zion	J. B. Tucker	263	50	313	225	50	275	38	3	3	30	30	1	1	309	10	20	30
		$2,838	$ 340	$ 3,178	$2,381	$ 340	$2,721	$477	$ 21	21	390	400	17	17	3,159	151	130	281

TREASURER'S REPORT, BLUE RI

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MISSIONS				EDUCATION				Bd. Conf. Claim's	
	Board of Foreign Missions		Board of H. Mis'ns and Ch. Exten.		General Educ't'n	Children's Fund		Board of Sunday Schools	Connectional Fund	Permanent Fund
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Cash
CLYDE DISTRICT:										
Asheville	$ 6	....	$ 20	....	$ 1	$ 1	....	....	$ 2	....
Canton	8	....	20	....	4	5	....	....	....	....
Clyde	19	....	19	....	1	....	....	....	....	....
Culberson	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hayesville	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Etowah	5	....	5	....	2	....	....	1	....	....
Leicester	30	....	30	....	....	3	....	3	3	....
Marion	10	100	30	....	3	....	....	1	3	....
Pisgah	1	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sylva	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Unaka	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Teresita	....	....	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals	78	100	164	....	11	9	....	5	8	....
STATESVILLE DISTRICT:	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Caldwell	5	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Casar	8	....	8	....	1	....	....	....	....	....
Chandler	16	....	10	15	....	....	....	1	1	....
Daisy	15	....	20	....	5	....	....	5	3	....
Glass	15	....	32	....	....	4	....	1	5	....
Climax	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	2	....
Harmony	5	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	2	....
King's Mt.	15	....	17	....	1	1	....	1	1	....
Misenheimer	11	....	21	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Troy	15	....	15	....	2	....	....	1	1	....
Pine Bluff	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals	107	....	138	15	9	5	....	9	16	....
TRAPHILL DISTRICT:										
Bakersville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Boone	2	....	7	....	....	....	....	....	1	....
Creston	3	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Lansing	3	....	9	....	....	....	....	1	1	....
Laurel Branch	4	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	1	....
Montezuma	12	....	20	....	2	3	....	1	2	....
Pond Mountain	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Traphill	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Wilkesboro	4	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Yadkin	7	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	1	....
Zion	4	....	4	....	1	2	....	....	....	....
Ararat	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	2	....
Elkin	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Green Mountain	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals	47	100	80	....	3	5	....	2	8	....
Grand Total This Year...	$232	$100	$382	$ 15	$ 23	$ 19	....	$ 16	$ 31	....
Grand Total Last Year...	212	242	338	22	9	25	9	10	37	9
Increase	20	....	44	....	16	....	....	6	....	....
Decrease	....	142	....	7	....	6	9	....	6	9

American Bible Society		Woman's F. M. Society	Woman's H. M. Society	Local Educational Interests		Support Con. Clm's (Local)	General Con. Expenses	Cent. Office Exp. Ep. League	Episcopal Fund	RECAPITULATION		
Cash		Cash	Cash	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash	Total Cash	Total Vouchers	and Vouchers Total Cash
$ 1		$ 1	$ 2	....	....	$ 4	$ 1	....	$ 2	$ 40	....	$ 40
....		....	1	....	....	2	1	....	1	43	....	43
1		1	2	....	....	1	1	....	....	45	....	45
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....		1	1	....	130	5	....	....	1	21	130	151
....		2	3	....	....	5	3	....	2	85	....	85
1		1	1	2	....	5	....	....	1	60	100	160
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2	2	6	11	2	130	28	10	....	10	346	230	576
....		....	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....
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....	1	....	8	....	....	8	1	....	2	48	15	63
....	2	....	4	....	....	16	2	....	4	77	....	77
....	....	1	1	....	....	4	1	....	2	66	....	66
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	6
....	....	....	1	....	....	4	2	....	2	21	....	21
1	1	....	2	....	....	10	1	....	1	53	....	53
....	....	1	5	....	....	6	1	....	2	47	....	47
1	1	....	2	....	....	5	1	....	4	50	....	50
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2	5	2	25	....	....	68	12	....	19	416	15	431
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....	....	....	2	....	....	2	1	....	2	16	....	16
....	....	....	1	....	....	1	2	....	2	20	....	20
....	....	....	1	....	....	1	1	....	1	15	....	15
1	1	1	2	2	....	10	1	....	2	60	....	60
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....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	4	....	4
....	....	....	....	1	....	2	....	....	2	15	....	15
....	....	....	1	1	....	2	1	....	2	25	....	25
....	1	....	2	2	....	3	1	....	1	21	....	21
....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	10	....	10
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	6	....	6
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	7	....	7
1	2	1	11	7	....	24	10	....	18	219	....	224
5	$ 9	9	$ 47	$ 9	$130	$120	$ 32	....	$ 47	$981	$240	$1,230
4	6	16	49	16	70	88	20	2	36	875	343	1,218
1	3	....	....	....	60	32	12	....	11	106	....	118
....	....	7	2	7	....	....	....	2	....	....	93	....

John A. Burnett

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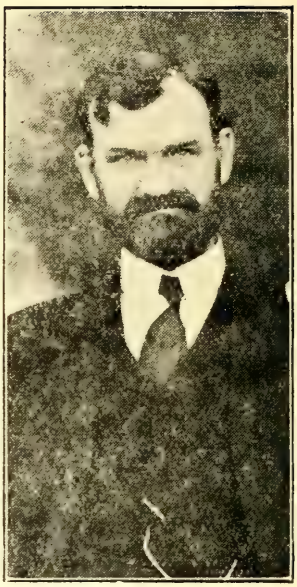
Our Dead

NAME	DIED	ADMITTED	
F. M. Fanning	1881	1800	From Holston
J. N. Barker	1886	1880	From N. C. Conference
R. M. Witt	1890	1880	From Holston
D. M. Clayton	1891	1881	From N. C. Conference
W. F. Parker	1892	1882	From S. C. Conference
Wm. Franklin	1892	1888	On trial
R. A. F. Smith	1893	1888	On trial
S. D Tipton	1893	1890	On trial
J. W. Naylor	1894	1890	From N. C. Conference
T. W. Matney	1895	1880	From N. C. Conference
J. F. Privett	1895	1891	On trial
A. F. English	1895	1880	From Holston
A. H. Peeples	1897	1905	On trial
J. H. Rominger	1898	1898	On trial
E. Anderson	1900	1892	On trial
W. G. Matton	1901	——	From N. C. Conference
A. J. Johnson	1901	1885	On trial
W. T. Owen	1902	1899	On trial
C. F. Casstevens	1907	1890	On trial
H. D. Christenberry	1907	1884	On trial

Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warefare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.

BISHOP HENDERSON



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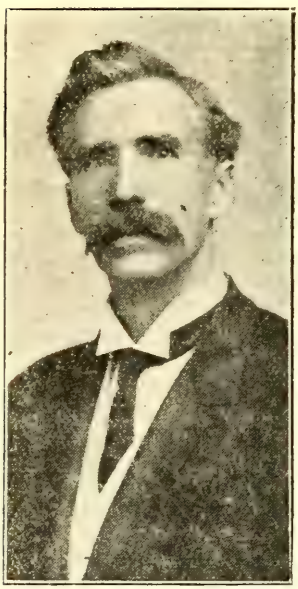

J. F. MATNEY

W. A. PATTON

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

Southern Central Conference

DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1879, Jan.	Greensboro,	Bishop Peck	E. O. Thayer

Changed to Blue Ridge Conference

1880, Jan. 28, Feb. 1	Concord,	Bishop Simpson,	W. G. Matton
1881, Jan. 20-24	Leicester,	" Warren,	W. G. Matton
1882, Jan. 19-23	Asheville,	" Foster,	W. G. Matton
1883, Jan. 24-29	Gastonia,	" Merrill,	W. G. Matton
1884, Jan. 30-Feb. 4	Asheville,	" Bowman,	J. D. Roberson
1885, Feb. 12-16	Clyde,	" Andrews,	J. D. Roberson
1885, Oct. 1-5	Gastonia,	" Mallalieu,	W. T. Ford
1886, Oct. 7-11	Smith's Chapel,	" Walden,	W. T. Ford
1887, Oct. 19-23	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	W. Q. A. Graham
1888, Oct. 18-22	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	W. Q. A. Graham
1889, Oct. 17-21	Asheville,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson
1890, Oct. 16-20	Clyde,	" Joyce,	J. D. Roberson
1891, Oct. 21-25	Asheville,	" Warren,	A. Graybeal
1892, Oct. 13-16	Poindexter,	" Foss,	A. H. Gamble
1893, Oct. 12-16	Daisy,	" Hurst,	W. Q. A Graham
1894, Sept. 27-Oct. 1	Smith's Chapel,	" Foster,	W. Q. A. Graham
1895, Oct. 19-24	Clyde,	" Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal
1896, Sept. 24-27	Asheville,	" Mallalieu,	A. Graybeal
1897, Oct. 11-17	Walkertown,	" Andrews,	A. Graybeal
1898, Oct. 20-24	Marion,	" Goodsell,	A. Graybeal
1899, Oct. 19-22	Seward,	" Fowler,	A. Graybeal
1900, Oct. 4-7	Clyde,	" Canston,	A. Graybeal
1901, Oct. 24-27	Montezuma,	" Goodsell,	A. Graybeal
1902, Oct. 23-26	Seward,	" Walden.	A. Graybeal
1903, Oct. 7-10	Glass,	" Joyce,	A. Graybeal
1904, Oct. 6-11	Clyde,	" Fitzgerald,	A. Graybeal
1905, Oct. 5-8	Montezuma,	" Fowler,	A. Graybeal
1906, Oct. 4-8	Troy,	" Bashford,	A. Graybeal
1907, Oct. 23-27	Walkertown,	" Spellmeyer,	A. Graybeal
1908, Oct. 1-4	King's Mountain,	" Goodsell,	A. Graybeal
1909, Sept. 30-Oct. 3	Asheville,	" Anderson,	A. Graybeal
1910. Oct. 7-9	Canton,	" Anderson,	A. Graybeal
1911, Oct. 19-22	Troy,	" Anderson,	A. Graybeal

Changed to Blue Ridge Atlantic

1912, Nov. 21-24	Marshallberg,	Henderson,	A. Graybeal

Conference Roll, 1912

NAME	ORDER	POSTOFFICE	WHEN ADMITTED
Bailey, D. D.	Elder	Kannapolis, N. C.	1910
Baines, W. C.	Deacon	Clarkton, N. C.	1905
Bumgarner, J. L. A.	Elder	Lansing, N. C.	1901
Brown, A. E.	Elder	Mountain City, Tenn.	1906
Clark, F. A. L.	Elder	Harmony, N. C.	1884
Clark, W. T.	Elder	Gastonia, N. C.	1905
Chappell, M. L.	Elder	Tyner, N. C.	1897
Earnhardt, S. A.	Elder	Albemarle, N. C.	1892
Earnhardt, D. L.	Elder	Ocracoke, N. C.	1906
Fowler, J. M.	Deacon	Candler, N. C.	1909
Fine, J. H.	Deacon	Bakersville, N. C.	1907
Graybeal, A.	Elder	Canton, N. C.	1882
Graham, W. Q. A.	Elder	Misenheimer, N. C.	1882
Graham, W. F.	Elder	Walkertown, N. C.	1907
Heath, J. M.	Elder	Troy, N. C.	1889
Haga, D. W.	Elder	Canton, N. C.	1905
Haga, K. L.	Deacon	Traphill, N. C.	1910
Moore, W. S.	Elder	Clyde, N. C.	1903
Moore, W. L.	Elder	Maxton, N. C.	1909
Matheson, M. A.	Elder	Parmele, N. C.	1903
Matney, W. C.	Elder	Leicester, N. C.	1888
Matney, J. F.	Elder	Marshallberg, N. C.	1888
Maness, R. L.	Deacon	Statesville, N. C. Route 5	1910
Patton, W. A.	Elder	Canton, N. C.	1897
Penley, L. J.	Elder	Asheville, N. C., R.F.D.	1897
Plint, W. J.	Elder	Misenheimer, N. C.	1906
Stephenson, J. L.	Elder	Traphill, N. C.	1888
Tucker, J. B.	Elder	State Road, N. C.	1892
White, D. J.	Elder	New Castle, N. C.	1905
West, F. C.	Deacon	Old Fort, N. C.	1906
Woodell, W. R.	Elder	Harkers Island, N. C.	1895 1911
Dennis, J. L.	Elder	Morehead City, N. C.	1891

Probationers

Mendenhall, G. C.		Casor, N. C.	1912
Castle, M. W.	Deacon	Traphill, N. C.	1912
White, C. M.	Deacon	Statesville, N. C.	1912
Icenhour, W. A.	Licentiate	Boone, N. C.	1912
Grogan, H.	Licentiate	Culberson, N. C.	1912
Johnson, W. H.	Deacon	Montezuma, N. C.	1912

Williams, G. W.	Licentiate	Hickory, N. C.	1912
Farmer, J. C.	Licentiate	Hayesville, N. C.	1912
Vonnannon, D. A.	Licentiate	Millboro, N. C.	1912
Pless, W. H.	Deacon	Ettawah, N. C.	1910
Stamey, Thos.	Deacon	Sylva, N. C.	1911
Culp, B. A.	Deacon	King's Mountain, N. C.	1911
Wall, J. M.	Deacon	Ararat, N. C.	1911
Green, J. S.	Deacon	Ashland, N. C.	1911

Supernumerary

Osborn, L. D.	Deacon	Trade, Tenn.	1905
Sisk, J. A.	Elder	Troy, N. C.	1903

Superannuates

Garris, J. H.	Deacon	Morehead City, N. C.	1910
Franklin, D. N.	Elder	Canton, N. C., R. F. D.	1888
Evans, W. J.	Elder	Canton, N. C., R. F. D.	1888
Doub, J. N. S.	Elder	Traphill, N. C.	1895
Broyles, M. W.	Elder	Alto, N. C.	1887
Lanier, D. A.	Elder	Harmony, N. C.	1890
Matheson, D. M.	Elder	Casar, N. C.	1888
Rhyne, J. J.	Elder	Eupeptic Springs, N. C.	1887
Wilson, A.	Elder	Harmony, N. C.	

Conference Appointments

Coast District

J. H. Warren, D. S., Washington, N. C.

Bladen, N. C.	W. C. Baines, 1
Roland, N. C.	M. L. Sweet, 1
Hamlet, N. C.	W. L. Moore, 1
Morehead City, N. C.	J. L. Dennis, 2
Morehead City, N. C., circuit,	J. H. Garris, 1
Harkers Island, N. C.	W. R. Woodell, 1
Marshallberg, N. C.	J. F. Matney, 2
Ocracoke, N. C.	D. L. Earnhardt, 1
Hatteras, N. C.	T. S. Dixon, 1
Pinners, Va.	G. C. Coleman, 1
Parmale, N. C.	M. A. Matheson, 1
Hassell, N. C.	Supplied
Washington, N. C.	Supplied
Elizabeth City, N. C.	J. A. Tharpe, 1
Parkville, N. C.	M. L. Chappell, 1

Clyde District

W. A. Patton, D. S. 3, Canton, N. C.

Asheville, N. C. ..... J. L. Penley, 2
Canton, N. C. ..... A. Graybeal, 4
Canton, N. C., circuit ..... D. W. Haga, 2
Clyde, N. C. ..... W. S. Moore, 4
Etawah, N. C. ..... W. H. Pless, 2
Hayesville, N. C. ..... J. C. Farmer, 1
Culberson, N. C. ..... H. Grogan, 1
Leicester, N. C. ..... W. C. Matney, 4
Pisgah, N. C. ..... J. M. Fowler, 1
Sylva, N. C. ..... Thos. Stamey, 2
Old Fort, N. C. ..... F. C. West, 1
Terasita, N. C. ..... Supply
Unaka, N. C. ..... T. L. Taylor, 1

Statesville District

J. L. Stephenson, D. S., Traphill, N. C.

Ararat, N. C. ..... D. J. White, 1
Bakersville, N. C. ..... J. H. Fine, 1
Boone, N. C. ..... W. E. Icenhour, 1
Creston, N. C. ..... J. S. Green
Elkin, N. C. ..... J. B. Tucker
Lansing, N. C. ..... J. L. A. Bumgarner
Montezuma, N. C. ..... W. H. Johnson
Pond Mountain, N. C. ..... H. A. Blankenship, 3
Roaring River, N. C. ..... K. L. Haga, 1
Traphill and Laurel Branch, N. C. ..... M. W. Castle, 1
Wilkesboro, N. C. ..... M. F. Bumgarner, 1
Yadkin, N. C. ..... J. M. Wall, 1
Zion, N. C. ..... R. L. Maness, 2

A. E. Brown, Agent American Bible Society

Statesville District

W. Q. A. Graham, D. S., Misenhour, N. C.

Albermarle, N. C. ..... S. A. Earnhardt, 1
Bethany, N. C. ..... D. A. Voncannon, 1
Casar, N. C. ..... G. C. Mendenhall, 1
Caldwell, N. C. ..... G. W. Williams, 1
Charlotte, N. C. ..... C. M. Ellis, 1
Gastonia, N. C. ..... W. T. Clark, 1
Harmony, N. C. ..... F. A. L. Clark, 1

Kannapolis, N. C.----D. D. Bailey, 1
Kings Mountain, N. C.----B. A. Culp, 2
Misenheimer, N. C,----W. J. Plint, 1
Pine Bluff, N. C.----W. H. Wardell, 2
Troy, N. C.----J. M. Heath, 1
Wakertown, N. C.----W. F. Graham, 1
Statesville, N. C.----C. M. White, 1

Officers

President--Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, D. D., Chattanooga, Tenn.
Secretary----A. Graybeal, Canton, N. C.
Statistician----W. J. Plint, Misenheimer, N. C.
Treasurer----J. L. A. Bumgarner, Lansing, N. C.

Examining Committees

President----A. Graybeal
Registrar----M. A. Matheson
Admission----W. C. Matney, D. W. Haga, J. M. Heath
First Year----W. S. Moore, W. J. Plint, D. L. Earnhardt
Second Year----J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. F. Graham, F. A. L. Clark
Third Year----J. H. Warren, J. F. Matney, D. D. Bailey
Fourth Year----W. A. Patton, J. L. Dennis, W. Q. A. Graham
Local Orders----L. J. Penley, S. A. Earnhardt, W. R. Woodall

The Board, by unanimous vote, decided to hold a mid-year examination at the District Conferences or by special arrangement. The Chairmen are required to divide the work and inform each member on the committees as to his part of the work and plan for one-half of the work at the mid-year examination and one-half the day before Conference.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

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District Superintendents, ex-offico members.

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District Superintendents

J. L. Dennis----Coast, N. C.
C. S. Davis----Coast, N. C.
W. S. Moore----Clyde, N. C.
Geo. Smathers----Clyde, N. C.

J. M. Heath ..... Statesville, N. C.
D. V. Ball ..... Statesville, N. C.
J. B. Tucker ..... Traphill, N. C.
T. S. Bryan ..... Traphill, N. C.

Conference Board of Foreign Missions

District Superintendents

J. L. Dennis ..... Coast District
D. W. Haga ..... Clyde District
B. A. Culp ..... Statesville District
J. L. A. Bumgarner ..... Traphill District
C. S. Davis S. S. S. ..... Coast District
M. V. Willis ..... Coast District
D. L. Williams, S. S. S. ..... Canton District
Mrs. D. I. L. Smathers ..... Clyde District
Miss Fairchild, S. S. S. ..... Statesville
S. A. Padgett ..... Statesville
T. S. Bryan ..... Traphill
C. D. Holbrook ..... Traphill

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District Superintendents

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Disciplinary Questions

The Blue Ridge Atlantic Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Held in Marshallsberg, N. C., Nov 21-24, 1912.

BISHOP HENDERSON, Presiding.

A GRAYBEAL, Secretary.

W. J. PLINT, Statistician.

Post Office of Secretary, Canton, N. C.

Post Office of Statistician, Misenheimer, N. C.

1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline? In process of incorporation.

2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? None.

3. Who have been Readmitted? G. C. Mendenhall, in studies of the first year.

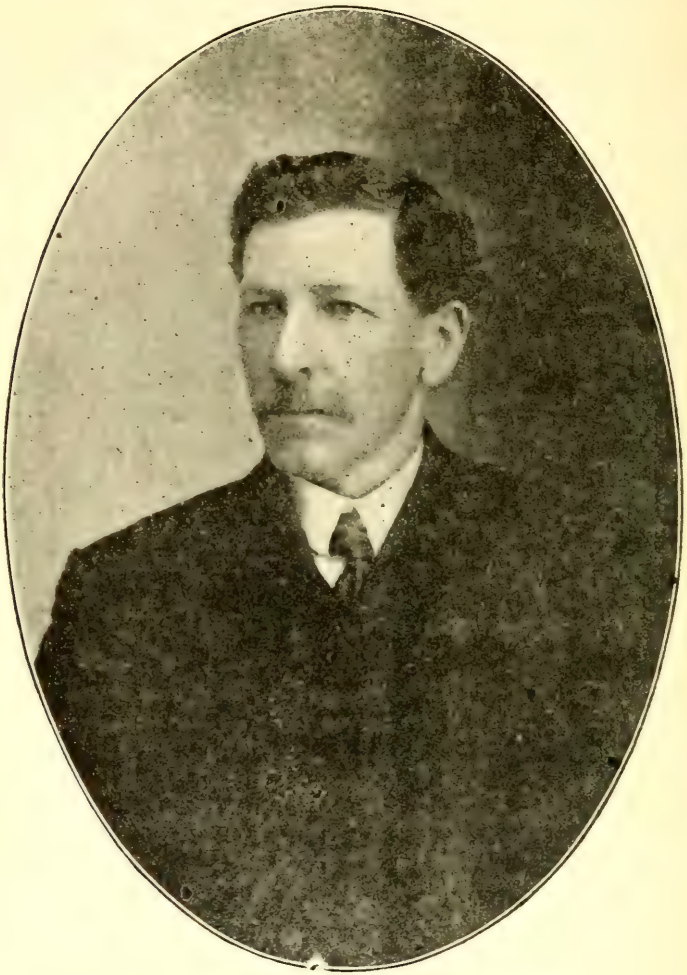
4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

5. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In studies of first year. M. W. Castle, C. M. White, W. E. Icenhour, Holland Grogan, W. H. Johnson, G. W. Williams, J. C. Farmer, D. A. Voncannon.

6. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In studies of first year. C. G. Mendenhall, B. A. Culp, Thos. S. Stamey. (b) In studies of second year. W.

H. Pless, J. S. Green, J. M. Wall.

7. Who have been Discontinued? T. H. Eller, W. S.



REV. W. Q. A. GRAHAM, D. S. STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Thompson.

8. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None. (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. K. L. Haga, R. L. Maness.

9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. None. (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. D. J. White, J. H. Fine, W. C. Baines.

10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? L. D. Osborne, F. C. West, J. M. Fowler, J. A. Thorpe, J. H. Garris.

11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. W. T. Clark. (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers. W. Foster. (b) Under Missionary Rule. M. W. Castle, C. M. White, W. H. Johnson.

13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? (a) As Local Deacons. None.

14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was attended to in open Conference. J. F. Usrey was referred to D. S. of Statesville for investigation.

15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? C. W. Smith to Holston.

16. Who have Died? None.

17. Who have been Located at their own Request? None.

18. Who have been Located? None.

19. Who have Withdrawn? J. A. Thorp.

20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

21. Who have been Expelled? None.

22. What other personal Notation should be made? J. G. Stepp coming from the Missionary Baptist Church was received as a Local Deacon.

23. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? J. A.

Sisk, L. D. Osborne.

24. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? J. H. Garris, D. N. Franklin, W. J. Evans, J. N. S. Doub, M. W. Broyles, D. A. Lanier, Austin Wilson, D. M. Matheson.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal, J. L. Dennis, D. D. Briley, J. M. Heath. Reserves, W. J. Plint, D. L. Earnhardt.

26. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical Tables.

27. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $1282.

28. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? Not answered.

C. M. WHITE

J. S. GREEN

W. H. PLESS

29. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? $1140.

30. What is the Amount of the Five Per Cent of Collections for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? $5.00.

31. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See list of appointments.

32. Where shall the Next Conference be held? Walkertown, N. C.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church

FIRST SESSION—FIRST DAY

MARSHALLBERG, N. C., NOVEMBER, 21, 1912.

On the morning of November 21st, 1912 at 8:30 o'clock the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its first session after the union of the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Mission Conferences, in our church in Marshallberg, N. C.

Bishop Theodore S. Henderson D. D., presiding, who opened the Conference by using hymn "I Am Coming to the Cross," reading a portion of the 23rd chapter of Luke's Gospel, prayer, a very helpful address on the subject "Getting Under The Cross," then, being assisted by the District Superintendents, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the Conference and visitors.

The chair directed the Secretaries of the Atlantic Mission and Blue Ridge Conference to call the rolls, and the following answered to their names: W. R. Woodell, J. H. Garris, J. H. Warren, J. L. Dennis, W. C. Bains and J. A. Thorp from the Atlantic Mission Conference. J. L. A. Bumgarner, D. D. Bailey, F. A. L. Clark, W. T. Clark, W. Q. A. Graham, D. L. Earnhardt, S. A. Earnhardt, J. M. Fowler, J. H. Fine, A. Graybeal, J. M.

Hester, D. W. Haga, W. C. Matney, M. A. Matheson, W. A. Patton, L. J. Penley, J. L. Stephenson, F. C. West, C. W. Smith, W. F. Graham, W. J. Plint, J. F. Matney, R. L. Maness, K. L Haga, W. H. Pless, J. M. Wall and J. S. Green from the Blue Ridge Conference.

A. Graybeal was chosen as Secretary and D. W. Haga Assistant Secretary. J. L. A. Bumgarner Treasurer and F. C. West, Assistant. W. J. Plint Statistician and M. A. Matheson, assistant.

The District Superintendents were appointed to prepare a list of nominations for the standing committees and report tomorrow.

The first five seats were designated as the Conference Bar.

On motion of J. F. Matney it was ordered that the Conference meet at 8:30 a. m., and close at 11:30 a. m.

On motion of D. D. Bailey a Statistical Session was ordered for 1 p m., today and W. C. Matney was appointed to preside.

The Secretary was appointed to report the proceedings of the session to the Methodist Advocate Journal.

Question 14 was taken up. The character of W. A. Patton, Superintendent of Clyde District, J. H. Warren, Superintendent of the Coast District and W. Q. A. Graham, Superintendent of the Statesville District passed and each reported the work on his district.

The bishop appointed C. W. Smith to preach this evening.

The chair announced that the Conference had notice of an appeal from the findings of the Clyde District Conference in the trial of Wiley Henson, a local preacher. On motion of W. C. Matney, council for the appellant it was ordered that the case be tried before a committee of nine. Council for the church and committee to be announced later.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 1 o'clock with W. C. Matney in the chair. After the devotional service the charges were called and the following reported to the Treasurer and Statistician: Arat, Bakersville, Boone, Pond Mountain, Roaring River, Traphill, Caldwell, Casar, Chandler, Gloss, Harmony, Misenheimer, Roseland, Troy, Asheville, Canton, Canton Circuit, Clyde, Hayesville, Etowah, Leicester, Marion, Sylva, Roland, Ocracoke, Morehead City, Cape Hatteras.

Conference adjourned with benediction.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 o'olock with Bishop Henderson in the chair. Prayer was offered by J. L. A. Bumgarner and L. J. Penley. Hymn No. 357 was sung, a part of the 6th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles was read and the Bishop addressed the Conference in an able manner on "The Evangelistic Man."

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The charges that had not passed in their reports to the Stasistician and Treasurer were called and reports made.

Question 14 was resumed. J. L. Stephenson was called, character passed and he reported his work as Superintendent of the Traphill District. The following offective elders were called, their character passed and reports made either in person or by the Superintendents: J. F. Matney, J. L. Dennis, W. R. Woodell, L. J. Penley, A. Graybeal, D. W. Haga, W. S. Moore, W. C. Matney, D. L. Earnhardt, S. A. Earnhardt, M. A. Matheson.

The following pastors reported their work also: J. H. Garris, J. A. Thorp, G. W. Williams, J. H. Coleman,

W. C. Bains, F. C. West, W. H. Pless, J. M. Fowler, T. L. Taylor.

The Secretary was requested to send the greetings of the Conference to our students in school who are preparing for the ministry, also a letter of sympathy and greetings to Bro. Austin Wilson, who is ill, and to Bro. W. S. Moore, whose daughter is sick.

The District Superintendents nominated the standing committees and they were elected as follows:

1. Public Worship: J. F. Matney, J. H. Warren.
2. Conference Stewards: W. C. Matney, J. M. Heath, J. L. Dennis, J. L. A. Bnmgarner.
3. Auditing: D. W. Haga, W. J. Plint, M. A. Matheson.
4. Benevolences: K. L. Haga, W. F. Graham.
5. Education: M. A. Matheson, J. L. A. Bumgarner, J. C. Coleman.
6. Reforms: J. L. Penley, J. F. Matney, F. A. L. Clark.
7. State of the Church: District Superintendents.
8. Conference Relations: D. W. Haga, J. L. Dennis, W. J. Plint, D. D. Bailey.
9. Sunday Schools: F. C. West, K. L. Haga, S. A. Earnhardt.

The Bishop announced the special committee in the case of Rev. Wiley Henson, as follows: D. D. Bailey, chairman, S. A. Earnhardt, J. H. Fine, J. M. Heath, F. A. L. Clark, W. T. Clark, W. J. Plint, W. C. Bains, M. A. Matheson. J. L. Dennis was appointed council for the church.

The District Superintendents were appointed a special committee on Conference relations for those who are candidates for admission on trial.

The District Superintendents were appointed to make nominations for all Disciplinary Boards.

On motion of W. J. Plint a board of Trustees for a circulating library was ordered. Trustees to be an-

nounced later in the session.

Conference adjourned to meet in regular session at 2 p. m., today.

Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference met according to adjourument at 2 o'clock, with Bishop Henderson in the chair. Prayer was offered by J. M. Fowler.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

L. J. Penley was substituted for A. Graybeal on the committee on reforms.

MISENHEIMER SCHOOL

J. H. Fine having received a telegram that his child was critically ill was excused from further attendance upon the session of this Conference. The Bishop led in a prayer for Bro. Fine and family. W. F. Graham was substituted for Bro. Fine on the committee in the case of appeal.

Question 14 was resumed. The following effective elders were called, their character passed and they made their reports: J. M. Heath, D. D. Bailey, F. A. L. Clark, W. F. Graham, C. W. Smith, W. J. Plint, J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. R. Woodell.

The following deacons were called, their character passed, and reports were made of the work in their charges: W. T. Clark, B. A. Culp, J. S. Green, K. L. Haga, J. M. Wall. Also C. G. Mendenhall reported his work.

The Secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to Bro. B. A. Culp on account of his bereavement.

J. F. Usrey's case was sent before the committee on Conference Relations.

D. D. Bailey moved that each pastor be requested to secure and place in each society a church record. W. A. Patton moved to amend by asking each society to secure an individual church record for each class on each charge in the Conference to be kept by the pastor. Motion as amended carried. Upon motion of W. Q. A. Graham the Statistician was instructed to correct the statistics for last year in the grand totals showing the actual figures found by the investigations at the beginning of the year.

The Bishop announced the following drafts: One for $300 from the Board of Conference Claimants, one for $703 from Book Concern dividend and one for $30 from the Chartered Fund.

Question 8 was taken up, who have received into full membership, elected and ordained previously: R. L. Maness, K. L. Haga, and J. A. Thorp were called and having passed in the studies of the second year and recommended by their Superintendents were admitted to full membership.

Bro. Price representing the Book concern was introduced and the preachers were requested to see him about their accounts.

W. C. Matney announced that he had the accounts of the Methodist Advocate Journal.

The Conference adjourned to meet at 6:30 this even-

ing.

Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY--EVENING SESSION

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 6:30 p. m. J. F. Matney conducted the opening exercises.

The Bishop addressed the class for admission and the Conference on the Ministers Credentials. This address which was before a packed house was handled in a masterly way and evidently made a profound impression.

The Disciplinary questions were asked the brethren who had been elected to full membership.

Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Conference met according to adjournment at 8:30 with Bishop Henderson in the chair. Prayer led by R. L. Maness.

The Bishop addressed the Conference on the "Evangelistic Task," after which the business of Conference was resumed.

Minutes of afternoon and evening were read, and after slight corrections, adopted.

Question 24 was taken up. Who are the superannuates? J. H. Garris, D. N. Franklin, J. J. Rhyne, W. J. Evans, J. N. S. Doub, M. W. Broyles, D. A. Lanier, A. Wilson, D. M. Matheson were continued in their present relation.

Question 23, Who are the Supernumerary Preachers, was taken up.

J. A. Sisk and L. D. Osborne were continued in their present relation. A. E. Brown was placed in the effective relation with the request of the Bishop that he be appointed agent of the American Bible Society.

Under Question 22: What other personal notation should be made, J. F. Usrey's name was called. During the year he left his work and because he had given notice to his D. S. of his removal from his work he was left in the hands of the District Superintendent of the Statesville District for investigation.

Question 10: What members are in the studies of the fourth year, was taken up. L. D. Osborne was continued in this class.

Question 9: What members are in the studies of the third year. D. J. White was continued, having been admitted to full membership previously.

M. E. CHURCH, Marshallberg, N. C.

Question 5: Who have been received on trial, in studies of the first year: M. W. Castle, C. M. White, W. E. Icenhour, Holland Grogan, G. W. Williams, J. C. Farmer, D. A. Voncannon and W. H. Johnson.

Question 11: Who have completed the Conference course of study. W. T. Clark, having completed the

course of study required by the Church, was elected to Elder's orders.

Question 1: Is the Conference Incorporated, according to the Requirements of the Discipline? In process of Incorporation. J. H. Warren read the following resolution concerning this which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is incorporated according to the laws of our church and the laws of North Carolina. And

WHEREAS, The Atlantic Mission Conference was not incorporated, according to the state laws.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference in all and regular session at Marshallberg, North Carolina, this November 21, 1912, respectfully ask the Hon. Congressman J. H. Small, of Washington, North Carolina, to have an act passed in the General Assembly of North Carolina regulating the Charter or amending the charter in such a way that it will include the Blue Ridge Atlantic Coaference with all the rights of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. A. PATTON,
J. H. WARREN.

The secretary was instructed to send a certificate of location to C. M. Warden.

Question 3: Was taken up. C. G. Mendenhall was readmitted and placed in studies of first year.

Question 4: Was asked. Who have been received on Credentials and from what churches. Answer none.

Under question 7: T. H. Eller and W. S. Thompson were discontinued.

Question 12: What others have been elected and ordained deacon as Local Preacher. W. Foster.

(e) Under the Missionary rule, M. W. Castle, C. M. White and W. H. Johnson.

On account of certain rumors W. F. Graham requested an investigation in open Conference. Accordingly an

executive session was ordered for 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. J. L. Stephenson was appointed to represent the Church in this case.

Rev. Lowther, of New York Conference was introduced and made an interesting talk on Education. Rev. Paul, pastor of the Baptist Church of Marshallberg, was introduced to the Conference.

R. L. Maness and W. R. Woodell were appointed on the special committee in the case of appeal of W. Henson, in place of M. A. Matheson and W. T. Plint.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference met in executive session at 2:30 o'clock. F. A. L. Clark led the prayer.

In the investigation of charges against W. F. Graham the Conferences found him not guilty by unanimous vote.

In the case of appeal from the finding of the Clyde District Conference in the case of Wiley Henson, the

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special committee reversed the action of the said District Conference by unanimous vote.

The Conference took up the regular work upon adjournment of executive session.

Question 9: (b) What members are in the studies of the third year, was asked. Admitted into full

membership previously, D. J. White, J. H. Fine and W. C. Baines.

Question 9: What members are continued in the studies of the third year, F. C. West and J. M. Fowler were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

J. H. Fine and W. C. Baines were continued in the studies of the third year.

J. H. Garris was continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Question 19: Who have withdrawn? J. A. Thorpe. He was required to surrender his parchments, but by vote of the Conference they were ordered returned with the inscription prescribed in the Discipline, paragraph 169.

Question 22: Was asked. J. G. Stepp, an elder in the Missionary Baptist Church was recognized as a Local Deacon in our Church.

Question 25: Who are the triers of appeals. W. C. Matney, A. Graybeal, J. L. Dennis, D. D. Bailey, J. M. Heath; Reserves, W. J. Plint and D. L. Earnhardt.

Question 32: Where shall the next Conference be held? Walkertown, N. C.

The following trustees for Graham Collegiate Institute were elected, whose terms expire 1915: J. H. Warren, J. B. Nelson and M. V. Willis.

Question 6: Who have been continued on trial? B. A. Culp and Thomas Stamey were continued on trial in studies of the first year. W. H. Pless, J. S. Green and J. M. Wall were advanced to studies of the second year.

Upon motion of J. H. Warren $45 being the proceeds of the sale of a lot at Bridgetown, N. C., be turned over to J. L. Dennis, Treasurer of the Coast District to be used in a district parsonage in Washington, N. C.

Upon motion of J. H. Warren the amounts of the Missionary appropriation for Coast District was ordered to be forwarded by the Treasurer of the Conference Board to J. L. Dennis for distribution.

A. Graybeal announced that he had in hand $69.75 which he had collected on notes belonging to the Conference Relief Fund. Upon motion of W. C. Matney the amount ordered to be placed into the bonds of the District Superintendents to be used in the same manner as the regular Missionary appropriations.

W. R. Woodell was elected trustee of the Atlantic Relief Fund.

Upon motion the Secretaries were appointed a committee on the publication of the Minutes. Upon motion of J. L. Dennis it was ordered that each district superintendent pay $3.00 and each pastor pay $1.60 for the publication of the Journal and that the treasurer of the Conference Board of H. M. and Ch. Ex. be instructed to retain the several amounts from the first quarters appropriation, each district superintendent being responsible for the self supporting charges in his district.

W. J. Plint reported $78.25 belonging to the Atlantic Relief Fund. Upon motion of W. T. Graham $50 of this amount was donated to W. J. Plint. Upon motion of J. L. Stephenson it was ordered that the remaining $28.25 be used by the district superintendents in common with the regular missionary appropriations, to be paid by W. J. Plint in quarterly installments.

Conference adjourned to meet at close of Educational address this evening.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION

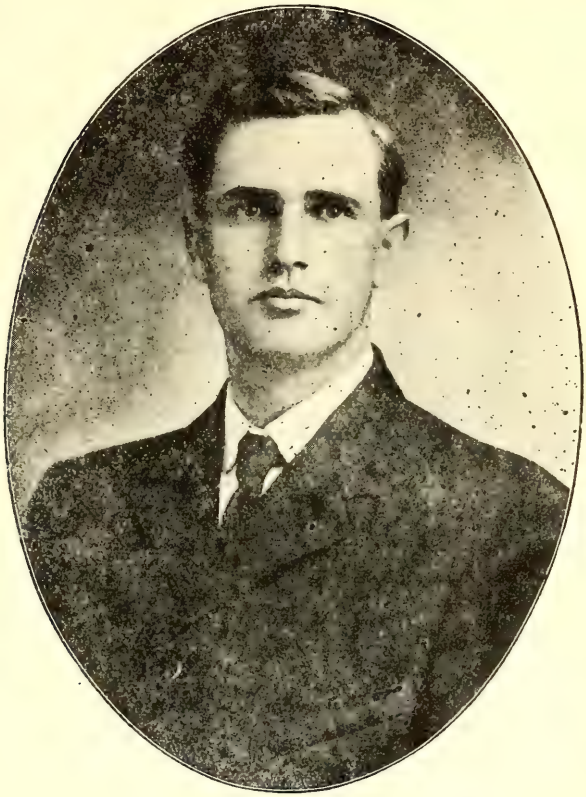
The Conference met according to appointment at 6:30 o'clock. J. F. Matney was in charge of the devotional exercises. Dr. Lowther of New York delivered a splendid address on the subject of education, after which short addresses were made by J. L. A. Bumgarner, C. M. White and J. C. Coleman. The bishop came in at this juncture and took up the work of the Conference business.

The transfer of C. W. Smith to Holston was

announced.

W. J. Plint read his report as Statistical Secretary which was adopted.

Question 27 was asked. Answer $1282. The collection for education on Traphill District was applied



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to Fairview College, except 20 per cent. which was sent to the Parent Board.

Question 28 was asked. Not answered.

Conference Stewards reported. See report which

was adopted.

Question 29 asked. $1140.

Question 30 asked. $5.00.

Question 31 asked. See list of appointments.

Report on Reforms read by L. J. Penley. Report adopted.

Report on Benevolences read by K. L. Haga. Report adopted.

Report on Education read by J. C. Coleman. Report adopted.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Marshallberg for hospitality, the pastor for looking after the wellfare of Conference session, the Bishop for his services and splendid way by which he conducted the business of the Conference, the Secretaries for their work, were passed by rising vote.

Report of committee on Missionary appropriations read and approved.

Committee on circulating library was named, consisting of J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. F. Graham, W. J. Plint.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Conference minutes be the official journal of the session.

Motion carried that after the closing prayer, the reading of the appointments the conference adjourn *sine die.*

Minutes of morning, afternoon and evening sessions read and approved.

Bishop Henderson read the appointmonts, and the Conference stood adjourned to meet in Walkertown one year hence.

Certificate of Ordination

This is to certify that on the 24th day of November, A. D. 1912, I ordained, under election by the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, the following as Deacons: M. W. Cassell, W. H. Johnson, William Foster, C. M. White.

And at the same time and place, assisted by elders, the following as Elder: W. T. Clark.

THEODORE S. HENDERSON,
Presiding Bishop.

Done at Marshallberg, N. C.

SPECIAL NOTE: We tried to get a historical sketch from all our Conference members. Thirty-four gave us the required information, thus enabling us to carry out the plan in part. Other sketches are not in because the

D. D. BAILEY

brethren failed to furnish the data. The same is true in regard to the pictures. Quite a number failed to send photographs. A few who sent them failed to provide for the expense in securing the cuts. We have done the very best we could under the circumstances.

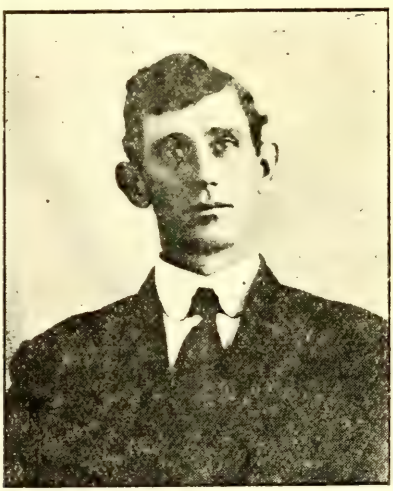
A. GRAYBEAL,
D. W. HAGA,
Secretaries.

Report of District Superintendent Graham

BLUE RIDGE-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Dear Brethren: I wish to preface this, my first report, with a very much deserved tribute to the splendid work done by my predecessor during the last four years. I have not found it necessary to revolutionize things, nor



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to try to impress my superior abilities by attacks upon the preceding administration, but I have tried earnestly

to still further develop the work so well begun, and hope to yet be able to prove myself to be a worthy successor to the heroic men who have preceded me.

I am aware that the time I should consume will not allow a detailed recital of the work of the pastors and the forward movement among the churches; I therefore, prefer to give only a resume of the year's progress by the analytical method, and if this composite picture, made up of facts, figures and occasional comment shall illuminate the drift of the unwritten story, we shall be content to leave the rest to the keeper of the Book of life who surely will not forget.

M. E. CHURCH, Canton.

W. H JOHNSON

We maintain divine service in 50 churches belonging to us, worth $51,900. We have one society, the baby one, born last August, keeping house in the open air, under a spreading oak. Our pastors preach in other places not owned by us, thus rendering service in sixty or more different places. We have eight parsonages worth $10,700. We have 2530 members and probationers, a net gain of 212 during the year. We have forty-five Sunday Schools, a gain of five during the year.

Improvements have been made and debts cancelled at thirteen churches, to-wit; Debt of $35.00 paid at

Moore's Grove, Troy charge, cash raised to finish church at Cool Springs, organ and bell purchased, house painted, new pulpit and pews placed at Mountain View, a farm of sixty acres with house, barn, graneries, and orchard, worth $1200.00, on the Bethany circuit. The new church at Chandlers has been ceiled, the church at Misenheimer painted inside and outside. A new bell has been bought at Gastonia, and part of the amount needed for payment of a debt at Penley's Chapel has been raised. Lumber has been bought to finish the splendid church at Sunshine, and an organ has been placed in the church at New Home. An organ has also been secured at Reeps Grove, seats bought at Statesville, new roofing on the church at Harmony, new seats at Mt. Olive, furniture bought for the parsonage at Harmony, and a lot bought for a church and parsonage in the city of Charlotte.

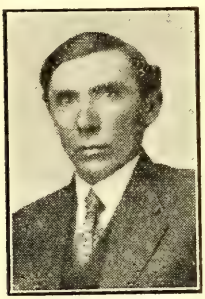
We record two new building enterprises, a new church at Palestine and a parsonage at Walkertown. We had a three room house at Walkertown, far too small. It is being rebuilt so as to add two more rooms and a study.

In my judgment few things are more needed just now, humanly speaking, than a thoroughly planned management of the ever present problem of the finances of the kingdom. I have labored earnestly to increase both pastors' salaries and benevolent contributions. I think I have had some success. As I have planned the work for the coming year I have raised the estimates for pastoral support from $3,300 paid last year, to $4,500 promised for next year; an increase of $1,200.

Early in the year I happened to notice that this entire Conference paid but $397.00 last year for Home Missions and Church Extension, which was but about 4 3-4 cents per capita. I also saw that 18 cents per capita was the amount asked of us by the Board, and I begun an active campaign to secure that amount. We have on hand $436. We lay this pittance at the feet of

the King fully determined that it shall be a larger gift in the years to come.

Viewed through the eyes of the missionary there are two tendencies within the district which give occasion, both for uneasiness and optimism, namely, the exodus of our people from the rural sections, and the rapid development of our manufacturing and textile industries. In the former case we are embarrassed by the difficulties encountered and in the latter by our opportunities. Our members are flocking to these new industrial centers by the scores and we need to plan now to erect a Methodist Episcopal church spire alongside of every belching smoke stack, if we are to hold our own and gain recruits for the



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M. W. BROYLES

kingdom. And we can do it. We are ready now to ask you, Bishop Henderson, to send men to eight of these places in Statesville district next year. You give the command and we will march. The day has come when such opposition and persecution as have closed many doors against us, have ceased. There has been a delightful change from fighting sectarianism to sympathetic denominationalism. We also sometimes hear an invertebrate cry for a church unionism in which people without convictions can worship the clouds. The economist seeks union to save expense. The first arrival in a new town claims "squatters rights" and demands

sole possession, but while the wail of hungry souls crying for God mingles with the roar of the furnace, the shriek of the engines, the hum of the mill and clang of the hammer we are untrue to the Master if we hearken to any voice save His crying from the mount of ascension "Go ye into all the world."

BISHOP HENDERSON: I do not believe God ever gave to any District Superintendent a more loyal, self sacrificing, hard working, uncomplaining set of men than the pastors of Statesville District. They may not be great men, as the world counts greatness, but they are good men.

J. L. DENNIS

J. M. WALL

J. M. HEATH

They may not be masters in theology, but they know the disease and its remedy. Under the Spirit's power they deliver telling blows at sin. Their sermons are neither faultlessly pure, magnificently splendid, nor icily cold, but they feed the flock, awaken sinners and lead them to Christ. Joseph Parker said: "The church may have lost much in losing a healthy excitement—what is the church without enthusiasm? It is a vesuvius without fire, Niagara without water, a firmament without a sun." This does not apply to the revivals held by these pastors. They are not what Theodore Cuyler calls "men of ham strung faith."

Our fifty churches have been divided into eleven

pastoral charges during this year; an average of nearly five to the circuit, and were named as follows:

CALDWELL

S. A. EARNHARDT, pastor. Brother Earnhardt has finished four years work on this circuit and wishes to move. He has doubled everything since going on this work, even himself by taking a wife.

CASAR

M. A. MATHESON, Pastor. A successful year's work has been done. The charge volunteers one hundred dollars increase in salary next year. More than forty conversions and five churches singing, "Shout, Shout, We're Gaining Ground" indicates the measure of success.

CHANDLER

W. T. CLARK, Pastor. This charge was divided early in the year and Brother Clark went to the coast. The disposition of the charge will appear later.

CLIMAX

No one was appointed as the charge was reported dead at last Conference and was dropped from the list. When I came on the district I saw it like Pat said he was, "not dead but spachless." There were three churches and as Brother Clark had gone I took two churches from the Chandler circuit and formed The Bethany circuit, and supplied it with G. C. Mendenhall. This new combination has worked well. It was the first circuit to pay out for Home Missions on the basis of 18 cents per capita.

GLASS

J. M. HEATH, Pastor. Glass circuit always does well and Heath always does well, so it was well done. The circuit is in splendid condition.

KING'S MOUNTAIN

B. A. CULP, Pastor. This is the banner charge on the district. It asks that Grace Church, King's Mountain, be made a self supporting station. There have been more than 100 acessions there this year. The charge paid for all purposes $966.

HARMONY

D. D. BAILY, Pastor. Conditions are not favorable, as a whole, on this charge. Cranktified sanctification has wrought much harm. Brother Baily has been faithful and has not lost ground.

MISENHEIMER

F. A. L. CLARK, Pastor. This charge has in its bounds The Mitchell Home, a school conducted by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which adds to its standing and importance. Brother Clark is one of the men who have refused to leave the army tho' scarred by many a conflict. True, the cry of many of the churches today is, "Give us a kid that we may make merry" but Clark is acceptable anywhere.

PINE BLUFF

W. H. WARDELL, D. D., Pastor. This is a tourist church, in a tourist town in the famous "sand hills." Dr. Wardell is a retired member of the New York, East, Conference. We have a permanent membership of about twenty. The church is built of concrete.

S. A. EARNHARDT

J. H. FINE

TROY

W. F. GRAHAM, Pastor. This charge has had a successful year and volunteers an increase in pastor's salary----------additions this year.

ROSELAND

J. F. USREY was appointed but left us early in the year and Roseland was added to the Troy charge. C. M. White, a student from Athens has been assisting the pastor.

WALKERTOWN

W. J. PLINT, Pastor. This is a splendid charge and Plint has done good work. He has found him a wife and is rebuilding the parsonage.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

At the District Conference, held in August, an organization was effected which was christened The Statesville District Evangelical Association. The aim of this Association is to collect funds and assist the weaker churches and open new work within the district.

We have been very much encouraged and helped by the presence of Bishop Henderson twice on the district and wish in this way to thank him for his kindly interest.

BISHOP: I wish from my heart there were no hard places where men must be asked to go. But it is only for a day. Tomorrow will come reward and glory and promotion. Then we may all be appointed to the "church of the first born" in the city of the New Jerusalem. All the building and improving and debt paying will be over and we will have mansions for parsonages and we will never have to move out.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM, D. S.

Report of District Superintendent Patton

To Bishop Henderson and my Co-workers in the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference:

I bring to you a brief report from the Clyde District. We are truly thankful to our Heavenly Father for His tender care over us for another year. None of the preachers nor any of their families have died nor has any serious sickness entered their homes during the past Conference year. And God has blessed most of the preachers with success. Clyde district is nearly 200 miles long and about 75 miles wide and includes all the counties in Western North Carolina from McDowell. Twelve pastorial charges. There have been 800 professions; 350 accessions. Paid on indebtedness $1800. Paid for improvement $300. Two new churches under construction. The debt on our church has been cancelled and Bishop Henderson dedicated the church in September. We have secured two new parsonages. Allow me to say that the pastors have done a splendid years work with one or two exceptions. The reports of the preachers from the several charges as given by themselves will be sufficient to show the progress made. We are glad we can truly say God has been with us in our field the past year.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. PATTON, D. S.

Benevolences

We your committee on Benevolences would like to emphasize the importance of due attention being paid to the collection of Benevolent moneys and especially see that the amounts apportioned by the Board of Home Missions and church extension be raised in full during the coming year.

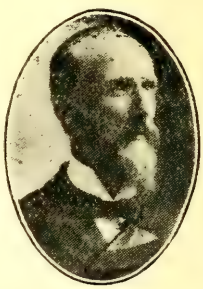
K. L. HAGA,
W. F. GRAHAM.

Auditing Committee

Your Auditing Committee beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined and compared the records of the Treasurer's of the Blue Ridge and the Atlantic Mission Conference of the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension and find them correct. Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. HAGA,
W. J. PLINT,
M. A. MATHESON.

J. L. A. BUMGARNER



J. H. GARRIS

Report of District Superintendent Stevenson

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

I submit this my third years report of the Traphill district to the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference held at Marshallberg, N. C., November 20-24, 1912.

The Traphill district embraces a part of fourteen counties, covering a large portion of the mountains of Western North Carolina. They are building four lines of railway in this section and an automobile line running from Asheville, N. C., to Roanoke, Va.,

crossing the entire district along the top of the Blue Ridge mountains. So you see now is the time to look carefully after the interest of our church in this part of the state. We have two splendid schools in our district. Fairview Collegiate Institute at Traphill and Lansing Academy at Lansing. These schools are doing excellent work for their churches and are located about fifty miles apart.

We are building quite a number of new churches and organizing some new classes. Commencing with one church in the lower part of Surry County we have built up a circuit so large in the last two years it seems that it will be necessary to divide it this year. There have been very few changes in the pastors since last Conference and most of them have done good work as their reports will show. The Traphill district seems to be taking on new life and I think reports will show advancements on nearly all lines. I have travelled more than 5000 miles by private conveyance, some times walking leading my horse, because it was too cold to ride, some times leaving my horse and taking it a foot on account of ice and high waters, but the Lord has been with us through it all and I have filled all my appointments but one during the year. Thanking God for what has been accomplished in building up His Kingdom and for being with us in all our trials and hardships and asking Him for guidance and help in the future and also thanking the pastors and people for their co-operation in the work, I am your servant in His name.

J L. STEPHENSON,
District Superintendent.

Report of District Superintendent Warren

Dear Fathers and Brothers:

I present this my first report of the Coast District, Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference. This district includes forty-five counties of North Carolina and five in Virginia. This has been a year of hard work and good health for all the pastors, with but one exception.

Good revivals have been held in about all our churches resulting in many conversions. Every pastor and his charge deserves space in this report. C. M. White of the Rowland charge was moved to Marshallberg to take charge of the school. W. R. Woodell was changed from Morehead City Circuit to the Rowland Charge. And W. T. Clark was secured to fill out the time on Morehead City circuit. Dr. N. E. Tomkinson, pastor at Pinners was relieved of

his work, and I. C. Coleman was secured to fill the place.

We have paid off debts off of almost every charge this year. Hamlet church has been so improved that it looks like a new church. The people are building a new church at Laurel Hill. W. L. Moore is the pastor. He has taken in thirty-two members this year and reports all claims. Rowland and Bladen reports together, one new church completed and one other will soon be ready for the congregation. This work has been done by the pastor, W. B. Woodell. He has taken into the church seventy-three members, has paid sixty dollars in missions, the people have paid him six huudred dollars salary. He has also paid several hundred dollars on church debts. Winfall charge W. C. Banes is the pastor and has been for three years. He has taken twenty-one into the church, collected thirty-four dollars in missions. He reports all claims paid n full. Elizabeth City charge has had a good year. M. L. Chapbell is the pastor. He has placed a good bell in the tower, and has received twenty-five members into the church. All claims paid in full. Hatteras has had a good year, some thirteen accessions an

R. L. MANESS

L. J. PENLEY

old church debt of nearly one hundred dollars paid, also the church improved at Buxton to such an extent that it looks like a new building. J. H. Garriss is the veteran of the charge, all claims paid in full. Ocracoke has moved quietly on through the year. The report will show that two hundred dollars has been paid out on the building. Missions and pastors salary in full. J. A. Tharpe is the pastor. Morehead City circuit has been faithfully served by W. T. Clark. He has painted one church and received twelve into the church. He reports all claims paid. Morehead City Station has had the best year probably in the history of the local church. Some two hundred and sixty dollars have been paid on the church and parsonage. J. L. Dennis is the pastor He having received twenty-six members into the church and reports all claims paid in full. With an increase on

all claims of about one hundred percent. Parmele has had a very good year. The people of that charge have paid every dollar of their indebtedness which was four hundred dollars. Forty-two having joined the church. This is one of the leading charges on ministerial support. G. N. Williams, assistant pastor. John W. Chappell, I. D. Briant, George Williams have done good work in the new towns near Parmele. The Sunday School was held in the parsonage by Mrs. Warren for a few Sundays then she went to the church and organized with a few who found time to go out to church that morning. I am glad to say that the school is doing good work now every Sunday. When I first visited Pinners, Va., and asked the people to make some advance they said that they were in debt five hundred dollars and that they saw no way of paying it. And then said that they could not build a parsonage or increase pastor's salary, and they would not raise the district superintendent's salary from twenty dollars to fifty. I secured Rev. I. C. Coleman, a young man with faith. He took up the work and marched on until the last of October. I found time and went up there. In the middle of the week, after two days' work with the pastor and those good people we paid the debt in full and had a balance in cash and good subscription of more than one hundred dollars in the treasury. The report will show that nine have joined the church, the pastor's salary advanced, paid the superintendent fifty and the amount asked by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

This has all been accomplished in less than half the year. Some three years ago a new church was started in a small town, it looked like an impossibility. Conference soon came and took away the faithful pastor that had faith sufficient to start the work. Then for two years the church was an eye sore to all near by. Then the man was found that had the faith and knew how. The work was taken up, the church completed at a cost of near one thousand dollars. It is now one of our best churches, a credit to the place and to the pastor. You now want to know where that church is and who is the pastor. This is the church and J. F. Matney, our host, is the pastor.

I am able this year with a little out side help to report pastors salaries paid in full.

Salaries

It was my ambition at the first of the year to secure a support for the pastors that would average six hundred dollars, I now tell you what we have done counting everything the parsonage, the appropriation and what the class paid, we have an average salary of $563.58. This includes the District superintendent's salary.

Accessions

As to the number of conversions there is no end. But accessions are what helps our church. If I have a correct report from the pastors we have received nearly three hundred into the church We have received nearly as many as the entire Holston conference this year. I rejoice over every victory won this year, but nothing does me more good than to see men coming into the grand old church by the hundreds.

Home Missions

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension made it possible for us to enter five new towns this year. We appreciate this great Board, and to show you that we do we have paid every dollar asked for by that board. I am not sure but I believe this is the only district in the South that can say that.

K. L. HAGA

D. W. HAGA

New Work

We have secured titles for seven new church lots, four of them in small towns and three in country places and two for parsonages. This property is valued at twenty-four hundred dollars. There is not a Methodist church of any kind in any of these places. Then there are three towns with from ten to twenty thousand people in each of them that we must enter soon.

The School

Several places wanted the school. Washington was successful in securing it. Congressman J. H. Small, A. C. Hathaway, Mrs. M. A. Baugham gave twenty-eight acres of land for a campus, some

have valued it at twenty thousand dollars. Then the city of Washington or the chamber of commerce gave us five thousand dollars in cash. Then a friend gave me one thousand dollars. The Board of Education agrees to come in now and duplicate all that has been done. Mrs. J. C. Robinson offered ten thousand dollars if we would find ten thousand and the campus. I agreed to take up the work of raising the other ten thousand. I have secured two thousand of that and have five thousand more in sight. The Board of Education will open their doors into the main building next September. They will build a far better building there than we have at Athens. The Domestic hall will cost not less than twenty thousand dollars. This building will be for girls. We will soon have a plant at Washington worth one hundred thousand dollars. Dr. Thomas Nicholson, Secretary of the Board of Education has visited us twice. Bishop Henderson and Rev. E. A. Lowther also gave us a visit. They all are well pleased and say go on. I am glad to say that we have some ten boys and girls at Athens, Tenn., in school, but the time has come in

A. Graybeal

our Methodism and in our own state that we must educate our own children at home.

Personally I have filled my appointments, have preached every other day or an average of that throughout the year or one hundred and eighty-two sermons. Have traveled 13950 miles by rail, about 900 on water, 221 on foot, 173 by automobile, by buggy 181, making a total of 15425 miles. I have secured about two hundred subscribers for our church papers, visited one thousand five hundred homes, preached five weeks in a revival meeting. Have read more than one book for every week in the year. Spent ten days at New York City, in the interest of our school. Stayed at Minneapolis, Minn., through the entire month of May and helped to secure great leaders for our church. Such men as Bishop Cooke and our Presiding officer.

Sunday School

Your Committee on Sunday School recommends:

First: That we as a Conference do greater aggressive Sunday School work during the coming year than any in the history of the Conference.

Second: That the Schools be organized into Missionary Societies.

Third: That each district superintendent and especially each pastor examine the Sunday School work in their every charge and church and to manifest greater interest in this department of church work.

F. C. WEST,
K. L. HAGA,
S. A. EARNHARDT,
Committee.

Report of the Conference Board of Stewards.

Received from book concern	$ 703.00
Received from Chartered fund	30.00
Received from Connectional fund	300.00
Received from Conference collections	98.00
Total	$ 1,131.00

Disbursed as follows:

D. M. Franklin	$ 125.00
Mrs. A. J. Johnson	60.00
Mrs D. M. Clayton	60.00
Mrs. Edwin Anderson	40.00
Mrs. J. H. Rominger	40.00
Mrs. C. E. Cosstivens	78.00
J. H. Garris	100.00
M. W. Broyles	100.00
J. J. Rhyne	50.00
W. J. Evans	80.00
D. A. Lanier	78.00
J. N. S. Daub	100.00
D. M. Matheson	120.00
Austin Wilson	100.00
Total to Claimants	$ 1,131.00

We, the Conference Board of Stewards, recommend that we, the members of this Conference, raise during the ensuing year at least $300.00 for our Conference claimants. That this amount be propor-

tioned equally among the districts and that each district superintendent apportion the amount expected from his district among the pastoral charges.

W. C. MATNEY,
J. L. DENNIS,
J. M. HEATH,
J. L. A. BUMGARNER,
J. L. PENLEY.

Education

Dear Brethren:

We, the Committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows: The day has come when an educated ministry and laity are practically the only solution to many of the great problems that are confronting the church in our Southland. Realizing this, we believe too much emphasis cannot be placed on the educational work that is now being done in our church schools throughout the Conference. We would, therefore, recommend that all the community schools situated in the several districts be retained, and that they be given the hearty support of our ministers and people. We would recommend, also, that two new schools be opened, one at Marshallberg, and one in Robertson County; and in any other communities where the need is sufficiently urgent.

We recommend, further, that our industrial schools at Misenhiemer and Traphill be commended for the splendid work they are doing, and be well supported by our people.

Moreover, we wish to make special mention of the new school to be opened at Washington, N. C., this next fall. The citizens of that city, led by Congressman Small and A. C. Hatheway and assisted by the Board of Education, and Woman's Home Missionary Society of our church are putting an educational institution there which will cost some $50.000.00. We commend this school most earnestly to the brethren of this Conference, and trust that through their generous co-operation with the President and Trustees it may become in due time to the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference what the Athens school has become to the Holston Conference and all East Tennessee.

We wish, also, to congratulate President Race, of the University of Chattanooga, and his earnest co-laborers on the splendid way in which they have recently completed the colossal task of raising a half-million dollars' endowment for that Institution. We urge the brethren of this Conference to nobly support this, our Central University by persuading the qualified young people of their respective communities to go to Chattanooga for their college work. The School deserves

our heartiest co-operation.

Finally, we desire to officially thank the Board of Education, The Freedman's Aid Society, and The Woman's Home Missionary Society for the gracious help our Conference has received from them during the past years. We would urge our ministers to raise, as far as is at all possible, every cent of the amounts asked for by these organizations, in return for the liberal aid they are rendering our Southern work.

In conclusion we desire to assure Bishop Theodore S. Henderson of our sincere appreciation of his noble and wise declarations in behalf of a more efficient and trained ministry.

J. C. COLEMAN,
M. A. MATHESON,
J. L. A. BUMGARNER.

Reforms

Sabbath was made for man, for man's benefit, to exact, to live, to preserve, not to enslaver. It is a shame and an act of oppression to take it from him. It is a matter of extortion to take from the poor man the day that if properly observed keeps him from exhaustion and decay in order that his employer may get the last drop of his life's service. The heathen world does that and in the heathen world it is Lord and Slave; God's legislation is calculated to make men free and equal the opposite of lord and slave.

WHEREAS the most recent statistics show that man is longer lived, more effective, more intelligent, and more moral under a six day system of toil, and WHEREAS the quiet thoughtful type of Sunday has been from the first a characteristic of American life, law and history. And WHEREAS there is a growing tendency to utilize Sunday for various sorts of business and for noisy sports. We the members of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference do hereby enter our protest against this tendency and insist that nothing but works of real necessity and mercy should be allowed on Sunday. We pledge ourselves as loyal to the principles of our civilization and to the best interests of our fellowmen. Respectfully submitted,

L. J. PENLEY,
J. F. MATNEY,
F. A. L. CLARK.

Biographical Record

Icenhour, Walter E.—Born in Watauga county, N. C., 1889. Converted 1908. Joined the M. E. Church 1912. Licensed to preach, 1912, admitted in the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference on trial 1912.

Woodell, W. R.—Born in Robeson county, N. C., 1873. Converted 1892. Licensed to preach 1900. Joined the Atlantic Mission Conference 1903. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Fitzgerald. Elder 1911 by Bishop Anderson. Travelled Pates circuit 1900-4, Rowland 1905-7, Hamlet 1908-10, Morehead City 1911, Harkers Island Station 1912.

Green, J. S.—Born in Caldwell county, N. C., 1866. Converted 1895. Joined M. E. Church 1896. Licensed to preach 1911. Admitted in Blue Ridge Conference on trial at Troy, N. C., 1911. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Anderson. Travelled Bakersville circuit 1912. Conversions 141.

Patton, W. A.—Born in Virginia in 1856. Educated in the High Schools in Virginia. Licensed to preach at Graybeal's Chapel, Ashe county, N. C., 1896. Admitted in Blue Ridge Conference on trial at Marion, N. C., 1898. Travelled Creston circuit 1897-1902. Presiding Elder of Bakersville District 1903-1909, Jefferson circuit 1910. District Superintendent of Clyde District 1910. Conversions 1000.

Pless, W. H.—Born at Cruso, N. C., 1886. Converted 1900. Joined M. E. Church 1900. Licensed to preach 1907. Admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference at Canton, N. C., 1910. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Anderson. Travelled Teresita circuit 1911. Etowah 1912. Conversions 106.

West, F. C.—Born in Haywood county, N. C., 1878. Converted 1898. Licensed to preach 1905. Admitted in Blue Ridge Conference on trial 1906. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Anderson at Asheville 1909. Travelled Culberson circuit 1909-1913. Conversions about 600.

Haga, David W.—Born in Grayson county, Virginia 1872. Converted 1885. Common School Education. Licensed to preach at

Graybeal's Chapel, Ashe county, N. C., 1904 Admitted in Blue Ridge Conference on trial at Montezuma, N. C., 1905. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Spellmyer at Wakertown, 1907, Elder by Bishop Anderson at Asheville 1909. Travelled Creston circuit 1905-9, Montezuma 1910-11, Canton 1912. Conversions 450.

Penley, L. J.—Born in Burke county, N. C., 1858. Converted at Leicester, N. C., 1877. Licensed to preach 1885. Admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference 1887. Travelled Webster circuit 1887. Hayesville 1888-89. Jonathan Creek 1890, Hendersonville 1891-2. Conversions to this date about 400.

Stephenson, J. L.—Born in Grayson county, Virginia, 1865. Converted in Bristol, Tenn., 1883. Graduated in the public schools of West Virginia, attended school at Grant University, of Athens, Tenn., two years. Licensed to preach 1887. Admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference 1892. Travelled Statesville Mission 1893, Wilkesboro circuit 1894, Havelock 1895-97, Avon 1898, Yadkin 1899, Culberson 1900, Clyde 1901-'2, Pisgah 1903-5, Copper Hill, Tenn., Holston Conference, 1906, Marion circuit, N. C., and Spartanburg, S. C., 1907-'08, Gastonia and King's Mountain 1909. District Superintendent of Trap Hill District 1910-12. Conversions more than 2000.

Warren, J. H.—Travelled Erie circuit 1907, Decatur 1908-'9, Athens circuit 1910-11. District Superintendent Atlantic Mission Conference from May 1911 to May 1912. District Superintendent Coast District, Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference 1912-13.

Flint, W. J.—Born in New York City 1877. Converted 1888. Licensed to preach 1892. Joined Atlantic Mission Conference 1906. Blue Ridge Conference 1911. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Merrill 1896, Elder by Bishop Burt, 1906, Graham Collegiate Institute 1904. No appointment 1905. Graham Collegiate Institute 1906, Harkers Island 1907, Elizabeth City 1908-9, Morehead City 1910, Pinners, Va., 1911, Walkertown, N. C., 1912.

Garriss, J. H.—Born in Northampton, N. C., 1849. Converted 1865. Licensed to preach at Henderson, N. C., 1892. Ordained by Bishop Hendrick, charges served 12, conversions 468.

Matheson, M. A.—Born in Clay county, N. C., 1874. Converted 1884. Licensed to exhort by W. J. Evans 1893. Licensed to preach at Lecester 1899. Admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference at Glass, N. C., 1903. Travelled Unaka circuit 1903. Hiawassee Mission 1904-6. Irwin 1907-8. Marion 1909-10, Etowah 1911, Casar 1912.

Voncannon, D. A.—Born in Randolph county, N. C., 1880. Con-

verted 1894. Licensed to preach at Chandlers Grove, Montgomery county, N. C., 1910. Admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference at Marshallberg, N. C., Nov. 24, 1912.

Clark, F. A. L.—Born in Cabarrus county, N. C., 1849. Converted 1866. Joined M. E Church South 1866. Licensed to preach 1877. Admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference 1883 Ordained Deacon 1885, Elder 1890. Travelled Shiloh circuit 1881-2. Uwharie 1883-4, Mocksville 1887-8, Troy 1889-90, Yadkin 1891-3, Jefferson 2 years, Montezuma 1 year, Bakersville 1 year, Gastonia 3 years, Casar 2 years, Glass 3 years, King's Mountain 1 year, Chandler 2 years, Troy 2 years, Misenheimer 2 years.

Maness, R. L.—Born in Moore county, N. C., 1880. Common school education, also attended Bible Missionary Training School at Cincinnati, Ohio. Worked as an evangelist for several years before joining Conference. Admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference at Asheville, N. C., Oct. 1909. Travelled Wilkesboro circuit 1910, Elkin and Laurel Branch 1911, Zion 1912, Conversions 551.

Grogan, H.—Born in Haywood county, N. C., 1874. Converted 1903. Common school education. Licensed to preach 1906. Admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference at Marshallberg, N. C., Nov. 23, 1912.

Earnhardt, D. L.—Born in Stanley county, N. C., 1877. Converted 1891. Joined M. E. Church South 1891. Joined M. E. Church 1895. Licensed to preach 1897. Admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference and ordained Deacon by Bishop Bashford at Troy, N. C., 1906. Ordained Elder by Bishop Anderson at Canton, N. C., 1910. Travelled Culberson circuit 1906-7, Clyde 1908-9, Asheville 1910-11, Marion 1912. Conversions 435.

Graybeal, A.—Born in Jefferson, N. C., 1860. Educated at Traphill Institute, Brown Seminary and East Tennessee, Wesleyan University. Joined Blue Ridge Conference in 1882. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Bowman, Elder by Bishop Mallaliew. Travelled the following charges: Mocksville, Henderson, Pisgah, Quenemo, Kansas, Edna, Kansas, Peru, Kansas, Bakersville, Montezuma, Jefferson, Marshallberg. Presiding Elder on Bakersville District, Canton circuit, Canton station. Taught in Aaron Seminary one year and in Graham Collegiate Institute one year. Kept no special record of conversions, possibly 2,000.

Bailey, D. D.—Born 1864. Converted about the age of 18 and joined the M. E. Church South. Licensed to preach 1885. Supplied Ocracoke and Portsmouth Mission 1886. Admitted on trial in

Atlantic Mission Conference at Portsmouth, Va., 1902. Ordained Deacon at Parmele by Bishop Cranston 1905, Elder at Elizabeth City by Bishop Cranston 1908. Travelled Powlton circuit (Va.,) 1903, Hatteras, (N. C.,) 1904-5, Ocracoke 1906, Morehead City 1907-8, Hamlet 1909-10, Walkertown 1911, Harmony 1912.

Baines. W. C.—Born in Nansemond Co., Va., 1873; converted, 1900; licensed to preach, 1902; admitted on trial in Atlantic Mission Conference, 1903; Ordained Deacon by Bishop Cranston 1904; travelled Roland Ct., 1903-4; Bladen, 1905-6; Harker's Island, 1907; Bladen, 1908; Harker's Island, 1909; Winfall, 1910-11-12; conversions about 500.

Dennis, J.L.—Born 1864; converted 1877; educated in public schools and Lovejoy and Ophia Academy's; admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference at Asheville, N. C., 1891; Ordained Deacon by Bishop Hurst, 1893; elder by Bishop Mallalew at Clyde, N. C., 1895; travelled Eagle Spring Ct., one year; Chandler two years; Leicester two years; Pisgah, two years; Glass, four years; Misenheimer, two years; presiding elder of Statesville District, three years; Walkertown Ct., one year; district superintendent Clyde District, two years; Troy Ct., one year; Moorehead City Station, one year.

Wall, J. M.—Born in Surry Co., N. C., 1870; educated in the Common and High Schools of Surry and Yadkin Co's., N. C.; converted 1893; joined M. E. Church, 1894; licensed to preach, 1911; Ordained Deacon by Bishop Anderson at Troy, N. C., 1911; travelled, Wilkesboro Ct., 1912; conversions 15.

Heath, J. M.—Born in Davie Co., N. C., 1856; converted 1876; joined the Blue Ridge Conference, 1880; travelled, Clingman Ct., 1890-91; Wilkesboro, 1892-3; Trap Hill, 1894; Zion, 1895; Harmony, 1896-8; Montezuma, 1899; Jefferson, 1900-2; Yadkin, 1903-4; superannuatde, 1905; Daisy Ct., 1906-7; Zion, 1908-9; Glass, 1910-12; conversions 700.

Matney, J. F.—Born in Caldwell Co., N. C., 1858; converted 1879; licensed to preach, 1883; admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference at Clyde, N. C., 1888; Ordained Deacon by Bishop Joice 1890; elder by Bishop Hurst, 1893; presiding elder Clyde District, six years; district superintendent Statesville District, four years; travelled, Montezuma Ct., 2 years; Jefferson, 1 year; Leicester, 4 years; Pisgah, 2 years; Clyde, three years; Zion, one year; Marshallberg, one year; delegate to general conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1912.

White, C. M.—Born in Bedford Co., Tenn., 1880; converted 1893; licensed to preach at Rover, Tenn , 1908; admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference at Marshallberg, N. C., and Ordained Deacon by Bishop Henderson, November 24, 1912; supplied Georgetown Circuit Holston Conference, part of 1910; Moorehead City Circuit Atlantic Mission Conference, part of 1911; Rowland Circuit, part of 1912; assistant pastor Troy Circuit, latter part of 1912.

Bumgarner, J. L. A.—Born in Wilkes county, N. C., 1878; converted, 1892; joined the M. E. Church, 1893; licensed to preach, 1901; joined the Blue Ridge Conference at Montezuma, N. C., 1.01; Ordained Deacon by Bishop Goodsell at King's Mountain, 1908; elder by Bishop Anderson at Canton, 1910; served as supply 2 years in Athens District; Holston Conference, 6 months at Rogersville, 6 months at Epworth Chattanooga, (Tenn.); Daisy Circuit Blue Ridge Conference, 1909-10; Lansing, 1911-12; graduate of "University of Chattanooga," Tenn.

Earnhardt, S. A.—Born in Rowan county, N. C., 1850; converted at Misenheimer, N. C., and joined the church, 1873; licensed to preach, 1874; admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference and Ordained Deacon by Bishop Mallalew, 1887; elder by Bishop Foss, 1892; travelled, Randleman Circuit 2 years; Gladstone 1 year; Zion, 1 year; Chandler, 1 year; Dellwood and Waynesville 1 year; Creston 1 year; Chandler, 1 year; Harmony, 1 year; Caldwell, 1 year; Albemarle, 1 year.

Fine, J. H.—Born in Randolph county, N. C., 1869; converted and joined the church, 1883; licensed to preach, 1892; served as supply for several years; admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference, 1907; Ordained Deacon by Bishop Anderson; common school education; conversions about 1000 or 1500.

Mendenhall, G. C.—Born in Gaston county, N. C., 1875; converted 1898; attended school at Cherryville, N. C., and Marion, N. C.; joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1907; travelled the Linconton circuit, 1909; joined the M. E. Church, 1909; joined the Blue Ridge Conference at Canton, N. C., 1909; travelled, Boone circuit, part of 1910; Bethany circuit, 1912; conversions 300.

Fowler, J. M.—Born in Haywood county, N. C., 1873; converted; 1896; licensed to preach, 1907; admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Conference and Ordained Deacon by Bishop Anderson, at Asheville, N. C., 1909; travelled, Hayesville circuit, 1909-12; conversions 340.

Haga, K. L.—Born in Smyth Co., Va., 1892; converted at Grant, Grayson county, Virginia, 1902; joined M. E. Church at Bethel, Jefferson circuit, 1904; licensed to preach at Graybeal's Chapel, 1909; travelled, Boone circuit, latter part of 1910; Wilkesboro, first part of 1911; Trap Hill, latter part of 1911-12; principal of Fairview College, Trap Hill, N. C., 1911-12.

Castle, M. W.—Born in Watauga Co., N. C., 1886; converted at Bethel, Boone Ct., 1903; licensed to preach, 1912; admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference and Ordained Deacon by Bishop Henderson at Marshallberg, N. C., November 24, 1912.

Williams, G. W.—Born at Avon, N. C., 1874; converted, 1889;

licensed to preach and spent about five years in Evangelistic work; admitted on trial in Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference at Marshallberg, N. C., Nov. 24, 1912.

Graham, W. F.—Born at Concord, N. C., Sept. 28, 1886; converted Graham at Collegiate Institute 1901; joined Conference 1907; Ordained Decaon by Bishop Wilson and elder by Bishop Anderson; served five appointments; Ocarcake, 2 years; Hatteras, 1 year; Morehead City, 1 year; Troy, one year; number of conversions safe estimate 500.

Moore, W. S.—Born in Montgomery Co., N. C., 1866; converted in licensed 1878; to preach in 1895; educated Yadkin College and Graham Collegiate Institute; joined Conference in 1895; Ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrews; elder by Bishop Anderson; served Harkers Island; served as supply for a number of years, while caring for an aged father; served Casar, 1905-9; Clyde, 1909-12.

Graham, U. Q. A.—Born 1850 near Stony Point, N. C.; converted in 1879; licensed to preach, 1880; admitted in Blue Ridge Conference, 1882; Ordained Deacon by Bishop Bowman, 1884; Elder by Bishop Mallalieu, 1886; appointments: Antioch and Roaring Gap, 1882; Jefferson, 1883-4; Gastonia, 1885; Mt. Mitchell, 1886-7; preaching elder Coast District, 1888 to 1898 with 2 years pastorate of Bethlehem Church intervening superintendent of The Atlantic Mission Conference, 1898 to 1906; president of The Graham Collegiate Institute, 1906 to 1911; district superintendent Statesville District, 1911-1912.

FAIRVIEW COLLEGE

No. 1. Summary by Districts, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for 1912

Coast District	28	1559	11	11	119	80	21	145	1526	1	12	31	$ 38925	5	$ 5350	$ 2070	$ 1165	$ 675
Clyde District	10	3083	21	20	36	192	43	260	2385			47	58018	12	11700	2015	1568	812
Statesville Dis.	25	2496	16	27	54	97	40	235	2254	2	84	50	50300	9	10150	1299	109	432
Trap Hill Dis.	59	3329	26	23	29	200	57	318	3160			64	45550	6	3250	1917	20	1085
Total 1912	122	10467	74	81	238	569	161	958	9325	3	96	192	192793	32	30450	7301	2872	3004
Total 1911	92	9986	56	87	216	668	153	914	8219			189	182725	29	25250	5372	2.00	3848
Increase	30	481	18		22		8	44	1106	3	96	3	10068	3	5200	1929	163	
Decrease				6		99												844

No. 2. Summary by Districts, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for 1912

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

NAMES OF DISTRICTS	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades, not including Cradle Roll and Home Department	Average Attendance of all Grades	No. of Members in the Home Department	No. of Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment in all Departments, including Cradle Roll and Home Department, but not officers and teachers	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church members or probationers	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Department, who are Church members or probationers	No. of Members of Sunday School converted during the year	Current Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Collection for Board of Sunday Schools (a) Church	Collection for Board of Sunday Schools (b) Sunday Schools
Coast	21	145	1526	923	15	26	1428	124	580	65	267		5
Clyde	43	260	2385	1780	20	15	2126	204	640	169	291		7
Statesville	40	235	2254	1650			2191	212	534	166	269	3	4
Trap Hill	57	318	3160	2254	350		3072	317	1651	360	307	1	3
Total	161	958	9325	6607	385	41	8817	857	3405	760	1134	4	19

Statistics No. 1. Trap Hill District, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, 1912

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership			Baptisms		Sunday Schools				Epw'th Leag'es	Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars, including Cradle Roll and Home Department	No. of Senior Chapters	No. of Members	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property	Present indebtedness on Church property
Ararat		185			6	10	4	20	300			4	$ 3700			$ 200	$ 15	$ 385
Bakersville	20	240	1		2	31	4	24	200			4	4000			10		
Boone		176	1	2		3	4	20	200			4	2000			50		
Beech Mount'n	3	83		3	2	20	1	7	65			2	1000					
Creston	2	272	4	2		14	6	40	240			6	3000					
Elkin		175	1				3	16	75			3	2700					
Green Mount'n	4	60	1	2		3	2	12	80			3	1600					
Laurel Branch		118	1		1	1	3	15	200			3	2750					
Lansing	6	255	7	3	6	9	4	22	230			6	500	1	$ 500	110		
Montezuma		280					6	37	300			5	3500	1	700			
Pond Mount'n	24	218	1	1		16	3	12	220			4	2000			500		
Roaring River																		
Trap Hill		153			1	2	2	9	60			4	2900	1	300			
Wilksboro		350	5	3	5	10	5	22	350			5	4300	1	250	47		
Yadkin		305	1	4		13	3	20	200			4	2600	1	500			
Zion		459	3	3	6	68	7	42	470			7	4500	1	1000	1000	15	700
Total 1912	59	3329	26	23	29	200	57	318	3160			64	45550	6	3250	1917	30	1085
Total 1911	25	3229	25	14	20	293	56	328	2892			61	43700	5	2800	1044	150	400
Increase	34	100	1	9	9		1		268			3	1850	1	450	873		685
Decrease						93		10									120	

Statistics No. 1. Coast District, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for 1912

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership			Bapti'ms		Sunday Schools			Epw'th Leag'es		Church Property						
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars, including Cradle Roll and Home Department	No. of Senior Chapters	No. of Members	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property	Present indebtedness on Church property.
Avon		100		1	12		3	15	125			3	$ 2700			$ 100		$ 80
Elizabeth City		77	3			15	1	8	165			1	5000	1	$ 1600	75		
Hamlet		182			8	8	2	11	65			3	2000			140		
Harkers Island		50					1	5	60			1	1200			200		
Marshallberg		151		1			1	17	125			2	4325	1	800	900		20
Morehead City	2	129	1	4	3	2	1	9	250			1	2000	1	1500	190	$ 40	350
Ocracoke	6	79		2	7	1	1	11	100			1	2500	1	450	300		
Parmele		281	1			18	1	13	71			2	3200	1	1000		400	
Pinners		37		1	5	2	1	11	115			1	5000				500	
Rowland	20	220	2		80	15	3	15	100			5	5000			125	225	225
Wildwood		134	1	1	3	9	3	10	200			4	2000			40		
Winfall and Whaleyville		119	3	1	1	10	3	20	150	1	12	7	4000					
Total 1912	28	1559	11	11	119	80	21	145	1526	1	12	31	$38925	5	$ 5350	$ 2070	$ 1165	$ 675
Total 1911	36	1706	9	21	49	66	21	153	1487			29	$32425	5	$ 5300	$ 652	$ 394	$1444
Increase			2		70	14			39	1	12	2	6500		50	1418	771	
Decrease	8	147		10				8										769

Statistics No. 1. Clyde District, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for 1912

Asheville		297	2	2	3	10	4	24	175			4	$ 5400	1	$ 800	$ 75		
Canton Station		189	3	1	3	35	1	11	150			1	7000			147	$ 1300	
Canton Circuit	5	304		4	14	39	3	20	225			4	2700	1	750	100	213	$ 287
Clyde		500	3				6	35	400			6	6000	2	3000	500		
Culberson		325	4		4	12	4	20	200			5	6000	1	800	500		150
Hayesville	2	278	5	3		9	5	26	200			5	5000	2	1000			175
Etowah	1	195	2	3		14	3	14	200			5	4218	1	800	18		
Leicester		400		1	10	23	6	48	360			6	9500	1	2000	500		
Marion		285			2	10	4	35	200			4	4700	1	800	50	55	200
Pisgah	2	220	1	6		40	4	20	200			4	5000	1	1500	125		
Sylva		90	1				3	7	75			3	2500	1	250			
Total 1912	10	3083	21	20	36	192	43	260	2385			47	58018	12	11700	2015	1568	812
Total 1911	9	2755	9	25	68	270	38	199	1870			49	57900	11	9650	1040	1800	1567
Increase	1	328	12				5	61	515				118	1	2050	975		
Decrease				5	32	78						2					232	755

Statistics No. 1. Statesville District, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, 1912

Caldwell	2	276	1	1	11	1	4	24	176			7	$ 4000			$ 29	$ 59	$ 304
Casar	12	325	1	3	12	1	5	20	250			6	5200	1	$ 600			50
Bethany		101	1	1		6	5	25	250			5	2500	1	1500	191		
Glass		213	2	2	5		4	30	220			4	5000	1	2500			
King's Mountain	4	383	2	4	18	45	5	37	415			5	8000	1	2000	90		7
Harmony		230	1	3	3	8	2	10	100			5	3900	1	600	150		
Misenheimer	3	461	3	6	5	21	6	46	329	1	70	6	5000	3	1900	744	13	
Pine Bluff		19					1	3	24	1	14	1	1200					51
Troy	2	213	4	3		15	4	20	250			6	8000				40	
Walkertown	2	275	1	4			4	20	240			5	7500	1	1050	95		20
Total 1912	25	2496	16	27	54	97	40	235	2254	2	84	50	50300	9	10150	1299	109	432
Total 1911	22	2296	13	27	79	39	38	234	1970			50	48700	8	7500	2636	365	437
Increase	3	200	3			58	2	1	284	2	84		1600	1	2650			
Decrease					25											1337	256	5

Statistics No. 3. Coast District, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for 1912

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support: Claims			Pastor's Support: Receipts			Deficiencies	Support of Conference Claimants: Amount Apportioned	Support of Conference Claimants: Amount Paid	Support of District Supts.: Amount Apportioned	Support of District Supts.: Amount Paid	Support of Bishops: Amount Apportioned	Support of Bishops: Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Conference Claimants, District Supts. and Bishops	Current Expenses: Church; sexton, fuel, light, etc.	Current Expenses: Sun. Schools: lesson leaves, books, etc.	Current Expenses: TOTAL
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Avon	J. H. Garris	133		133	133		133				50	50			183	15	25	40
Elizabeth City	M. L. Chappell	500	120	620	650	120	770				40	40			810	26	28	54
Hamlet	W. L. Moore	150		150	150		150				40	40			190		18	18
Harkers Island	G. W. Williams	200		200	200		200				25	25			225	12	12	24
Marshallberg	J. F. Matney	500	100	600	500	100	600			4	60	60		1	665	25	10	35
Morehead City	J. L. Dennis	500	100	600	507	100	607		5	5	50	50	3	3	665	70	35	105
Ocracoke	J. A. Tharpe	400	100	500	550	100	650			3	50	50			703	22	32	54
Parmele	J. W. Chappell	500	60	560	500	60	560				100	100			660	25	20	45
Pinners	J. C. Coleman	500	100	600	500	100	600				50	50			650	25	12	37
Rowland	W. R. Woodell	290		290	290		290				70	60			350		20	20
Wildwood	W. T. Clark	245	60	305	245	60	305		2	2	40	41	1	1	349	5	15	20
Winfall and Whaleyville	W. C. Baines	200		200	200		200				40	40			240	35	30	65
Total 1912		4118	640	4758	4425	640	5065		7	14	615	606	4	5	5690	260	257	517
Total 1911		2815	385	3200	3211	385	3596			3	277	350		10	3959	180	156	336
Increase		1303	255	1558	1214	255	1469		7	11	338	256	4		1731	80	101	181
Decrease														5				

Statistics No. 3. Clyde District, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for 1912

Asheville	L. J. Penley	300	50	350	300	50	350			5				1	356	38	30	68
Canton Station	A. Graybeal	400		400	313		313	87		2	32	32		1	348	50	30	80
Canton Circuit	D. W. Haga	375		375	325		325	50	8	8	32	32	2	2	367		16	16
Clyde	W. S. Moore	435	100	535	435	100	535			1	40	40		1	577		10	10
Culberson	F. C. West	300	50	350	188	50	238	112			32	30			268		50	50
Hayesville	J. M. Fowler	300	50	350	300	50	350		4	4	60	60	1	1	415		25	25
Etowah	W. H. Pless	250	50	300	243	50	293	7						1	294	10	8	18
Leicester	W. C. Matney	400	100	500	400	100	500			12	44	44		2	558	50	48	98
Marion	D. L. Earnhardt	300	60	360	310	60	370		2	2	36	37	2	2	411	12	46	58
Pisgah	T. L. Taylor	255		255	255		255				32	32			287		20	20
Sylva	T. H. Stamey	150	20	170	100	20	120				24	17			137		8	8
Total 1912		3465	480	3945	3169	480	3649	306	14	34	332	324	5	11	4018	160	291	451
Total 1911		3163	634	3797	3082	634	3716	133	22	22	407	411	9	9	4158	127	249	376
Increase		302		148	87			173		12				2		33	42	75
Decrease			154			154	67		8		75	87	4		140			

Statistics No. 3. Statesville District, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, 1912

Caldwell	S. A. Earnhardt	214		214	214		214			4	33	33		2	253	10	7	17
Casar	M. A. Matheson	415	60	475	362	60	422	53	10	8	50	53	2	2	485		15	15
Bethany	G. C. Mendenhall	200	50	250	213	35	248	2			10	10			258	15	8	23
Glass	J. M. Heath	300	60	360	285	60	345	15			40	40			385		20	20
King's Mountain	B. A. Culp	500	60	560	500	60	560			7		50		4	621	110	60	170
Harmony	D. D. Bailey	359	50	409	301	50	351	58	2	2	35	35	1	1	389		15	15
Misenheimer	F. A. L. Clarke	450	60	510	321	60	381	129	15	8	54	54	1	1	444	15	42	57
Pine Bluff	W. H. Wardell				150	12	162					12			174		42	42
Troy	W. F. Graham	350		350	371		371			4	60	56		2	433		30	30
Walkertown	W. J Plint	351	60	411	330	60	390	21	15	5	65	60		1	456	20	30	50
Total 1912		3139	400	3539	3047	397	3444	278	42	38	347	403	4	13	3898	170	269	430
Total 1911		2798	365	3163	2572	365	2937	326	74	74	365	367	20	20	3398	165	163	328
Increase		341	35	376	474	32	507					36			500	5	106	111
Decrease								48	32	36	18		16	7				

Statistics No. 3. Trap Hill District, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for 1912

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support: Claims			Pastor's Support: Receipts			Support of Conference or District Claimants: Shts.						Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Conference Claimants, District Supts. and Bishops	Current Expenses: Charcoal, gas, coke, fuel, light, etc.	Current Expenses: Sun Schools: lesson leaves, books, etc.	TOTAL
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid				
Ararat	J. H. Fine	160		160	165		165			1	35	30			1	197		25	25
Bakersville	J. S. Green	200		200	150		150	50	4	2	40	40		2	1	193	40	20	60
Boone	J. S. Green	130		130	130		130		1	1	32	32		1	1	164	20	20	40
Beech Mount'n	J. E. Templeton	100		100	80		80	20	1	1	24	24		1	1	106	10	10	20
Creston	W. S. Thompson	175		175	90		90	85			28	28				118	25	25	50
Elkin	J. B. Tucker	140		140	75		75	65	1	1	20	15		1	1	92		15	15
Green Mount'n	A. Traylor	100		100	75		75	25								75	10	12	22
Laurel Branch	C. W. Smith	200		200	155		155	45	2	2	20	15		1	1	173		15	15
Lansing	J. L. A. Bu'g'er	350	50	400	160	50	210	190	6	6	40	40		2	2	258	5	20	25
Montezuma	F. F. Frisby	350	100	450	230	100	330	330	6	1	40	38		2	1	3 0	15	25	40
Pond Mount'n	H. A. Bla'k'ship	150		150	150		150		1	1	24	24		1	1	176		20	20
Roaring River	J. N. S. Doub																		
Trap Hill	K. L. Haga	150	50	200	130	50	180	20	2	1	24	24			1	206		5	5
Wilksboro	J. M. Wall	250		250	200		200	50	4	4	32	33		1	1	238		25	25
Yadkin	D. J. White	200	50	250	177	50	227	23	3	3	32	31		1	1	262		30	30
Zion	R. L. Maness	340	100	440	376	100	476		6	6	37	36		2	2	520	15	20	35
Total 1912		2995	350	3345	2343	350	2693	693	37	30	416	410		15	15	3148	140	287	427
Total 1911		2838	340	3178	2381	340	2721	477	21	21	390	400		17	17	3159	151	130	281
Increase		157	10	167		10		216	16	9	26	10						157	146
Decrease					38		28							2	2	11	11		

No. 3. Summary by Districts, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for 1912

Coast	4118	640	4758	4425	640	5065	306	7	14	615	606	4	5	5690	260	257	517
Clyde	3465	480	3945	3169	480	3649	278	14	34	332	324	5	11	4018	160	291	451
Statesville	3139	400	3539	3047	397	3444	693	42	38	347	403	4	13	3898	170	269	439
Trap Hill	2995	350	3345	2343	350	2693		37	30	416	410	15	15	3148	140	287	427
Total 1912	13717	1870	15587	12984	1867	14851	1277	100	116	1710	1743	28	44	16754	730	1104	1834
Total 1911	11614	1724	13338	11246	1724	12970	936	117	120	1439	1528	46	56	14674	623	698	1321
Increase	2103	146	2249	1738	143	1881	341			271	215			2080	107	406	513
Decrease								17	4			18	12				

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NAMES OF CHARGES	MISSIONS				BOARD OF EDUCATION				BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS								OTHER BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS								Recapitulation		
	Board of Foreign Missions		Board of Home Missions and Church Extension		General Education		Children's Fund		Board of Sunday Schools		Connectional Fund		Permanent Fund		Freedmen's Aid Society	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		Woman's Home Missionary Society		Local Educational Interests		Paid Evangelist		Support of Conference Claimants (Local)		General Conference Expenses	Cen. Office Ex. of Epworth League	Episcopal Fund			
	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	cash	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	voucher	cash	cash	total cash	total vouchers	total cash and vouchers
Cape Hatteras			20																										20		20
Elizabeth City			25																					113					25	113	138
Hamlet			6	20																									6	20	26
Harkers Island			15																										15		15
Morehead City	10		20		1		1		1		1		1		1	1	1		1						3			3	45		45
Morehead Ct.	5		20		1		1				2						1		3						3			1	36		36
Marshallberg	10		20								1																	1	35		35
Ocracoke			20	25	2						1		2																25	25	50
Parmele			60																										60		60
Pinners			22				4																	72					26	72	98
Rowland	10		38																										48		48
Winfall	3		24			7																							27	7	34
	38		29	45	4	7	6		1		5		3		1	1	2		4					185	8			5	368	237	605

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Asheville	10		20		3											1	1								5	1		1	42		42
																1	2								1			1	35		35

Canton Circuit	10	15		1		1		1	1			1		1		1	2	1								1	6		6		
Culberson	1	4																			1					1	13		13		
Etowah	4	7															1				4					1	20		20		
Hayesville	4	8		1		2		2	1					1	2	2					10					2	95		95		
Leicester	35	37				2		2	2					1	1	1					2		4			2	58	4	62		
Marion	10	32		2		3		1	2			1		1	1	1											3		3		
Pisgah		3															1										5		5		
Sylva	1	3																													
	87	159		7		12		6	6			2		1	3	7	9	1			33		1	4		12	342	4	346		

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Bethany	6	12																								18		18			
Caldwell	7	14				1			1				1				1				4	1		2	32		32			
Casar	5	12		1				1	1					1			1				8			2	32		32			
Harmony	2	26						4	2															1	35		35			
Glass	8	40				2		1	4					1			1				1			1	58		58			
King's Mount'n	10	48		1		1		1	1			1	1				1				7	1	1	4	78		78			
Misenheimer	13	40		3				1				1					2	1			8		1	1	71		71			
Pine Bluff		6	4		2																					12	12			
Troy	10	25		2																	4			2	43		43			
Walkertown	10	44							1												5			1	61		61			
	71	6 261	4	7	2	4		8	10			3	2		6	1					37	2	2	14	428	12	440			

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Ararat	4	15													2	2					1		1	1	25	1	26			
Bakersville	2	10		1		1			1						1	1					2			1	23		20			
Boone	2	8													1	1					1			1	14		14			
Beech Mount'n		3																			1			1	5		5			
Creston		3																							3		3			
Elkin		4																			1			1	6		6			
Green Mount'n		5																							5		5			
Lansing	5	5				2							1				25				6	1		2	22	28	50			
Laurel Branch	3	10		1				2	3			1				2								1	20		20			
Montezuma	1	4		1				1							1						1			1	10		10			
Pond Mount'n		4													1						1			1	7		7			
Roaring River Mission	1	1													1						1			1	5		5			
Trap Hill	2	5		1		1		1	1					1	1		350				1			1	15	350	365			
Wilksboro	5	12		1		1		1	2					1	2	2					4			1	32		32			
Yadkin	3	10		1		1		1		2					1	2					3			1	23	2	25			
Zion	10	31		2		2		1	2					1	2	2					6			2	61		61			
Total Trap Hill	38	130		8		8		4	9	5			1	1	3	13	12	375			29	1	1	16	273	381	654			
Total Stat'ville	71	6 261	4	7	2	4		8	10				3	2		6	1				37	2		2	14	428	12	440			
Total Coast	38	290	45	4	7	6		1	5			3	1	1	2	4	1		185		8			5	368	237	605			
Total Clyde	87	159		7		12		6	6			2	1	3	6	9					33	1	4	12	342	4	346			
	234	6 840	49	26	9	30		19	30	5		5	6	7	11	32	14	375	185		107	4	5	2	47	1411	634	2045		
	318	100 645	35	30		22	5	20	31				7	16	12	51	9	175			123	23		2	51	1370	330	1682		
Increase		195	14		9	8				5		7					5	200	185				5			41	304	363		
Decrease	84	94		4			5	1	2				1	9	1	19					16	19		4						

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